

Grayling musher Tim Riley pulled out of the rookie class for the 2009 Iditarod in Alaska due to a tight budget, but that has offered Crawford County residents and visitors the opportunity to take tours behind his four-legged friends. Above, Riley is pictured with two of his Siberian huskies, "Scotty" and Chukchi," two of 20 dogs housed at Dream Catcher Kennels.



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## Kids show off their smarts



The Grayling Elementary and AuSable Primary Schools hosted their annual "Academic Extravaganza" last Tuesday. Family members had the chance to check out student projects in a wide range of academic fields including math, social studies, science and technology. Pictured above, (from left to right) Josie Trudgeon, Robert Brinker and Candy Schreiber take a closer look at a student-designed science demonstration.

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## DNR says it's done considering Grayling theme park proposal

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Freed said that DNR Director Rebecca Humphries would make some comments on the project proposal at the Natural Resources Commission's Feb. 5 meeting. He said no other action would be taken on the land deal.

"Our position is we're done as of next Thursday," Freed said.

Susan Haddad, the owner of a Rochester based public relations firm representing Mainstreet America Inc., said the nation's economic

woes were the main reasons for the delay in getting the financial backing for the theme park.

"Although there is still interest in developing a theme park in Michigan, investors are obviously guarded given the nation's economic environment," Haddad said.

The \$160 million theme park was proposed to be developed on 1,540 acres of land located north of Four Mile Road and east of I-75 in Grayling Charter Township.

Freed acknowledged that the DNR still has memorandums of understanding with Grayling Charter Township and the Crawford County Economic Development Partnership to push the huge chunk of state owned land for economic development.

Freed said those agreements would not preclude Axiom Entertainment from coming back to the DNR at a later date with all their dollars in hand for the family entertainment attraction.

"I'm not going to speculate on what we will do at that point, and it does not mean we'll be bound by the same conditions," Freed said.

Freed also said a member of the Michigan Legislature could also write legislation to convey the land for the theme park, but such a provision would have to get approval from a majority of state lawmakers.

Rep. Matt Gillard, D-Alpena, whose six years in the Michigan House of Representatives ended on Dec. 31, and Rep. Dale Sheltrown, D-West Branch, had talked about spearheading such legislation to sell the land late last year.

"That happens, but very rarely," Freed said.

Grayling Charter Township Supervisor Terry Wright remained hopeful

that DNR officials would offer a kind ear to developers if they get financing squared away.

"I think if he goes to the DNR with full-financing, they'll start the process all over," Wright said.

Kay Cosgray, chairwoman of the Crawford County Economic Development Partnership, said she could not comment on the theme park issue until she receives definite notification from developers.

Cosgray, however, said the board is still pursuing other options for the creation of jobs in Crawford County and the development of the state land.

"We have not been focused on one project and we won't continue to be focused on one project," Cosgray said.

Marvin Roberson, a forest ecologist for the Sierra Club, said he hopes that state officials, Grayling area officials and residents are done with the project.

Roberson added that state and local leaders should team up to find a more productive use of the land, instead of giving more time to the theme park proposal he believes never had a chance in the first place.

"This project has been strung along with no tangible results for three years and it's time to be done with it," Roberson said.

Developers were proposing that the park would include roller coasters, a race track, a water park, the world's tallest Christmas tree and Ferris wheel, a World War II aircraft carrier and an area where Christmas is celebrated all year long. They said it would have created 2,000 jobs, 700 of which would have been full-time positions, and would have had an annual payroll of \$25

million.

Grayling area theme park friends and foes had varying reactions to the news that developers had not obtained financing and that the state refused to extend its deadline for the project proposal.

Grayling resident Linda Hatfield believes the theme park would have been the shot in the arm to turn around the local economy.

"I'm hoping it will get here," she said. "I think it will put a lot of money into this town."

Kate Studor said she feels that developers took on too much too fast as the world-wide economy went into a down slump.

"We need help in the economy, but I think having an aircraft carrier in the middle of nowhere was just going overboard," she said. "The economy is bad, and I don't think a lot of families can afford to go to a theme park very often. They should have tried starting smaller and then getting bigger."

Grayling Township resident Mark Debusschere believes the six-month extension requested by developers was not an unreasonable request.

"Everybody's tight on money and what would it really hurt?" he asked. "If he can come up with the financing, it certainly wouldn't hurt to wait and I thought the state was trying to create jobs."

Roscommon resident Tony Quinlan sided with the state for not granting the extension.

"It makes sense not to put this out there again and then get stuck with something out there later that you didn't expect," he said. "He's been given six months to try to make this work and if he doesn't have the financing now, I don't think he will anytime soon."

## Correction

In the January 29 article, *Board considers piggybacking projects with county*

*building plans*, it was reported that Crawford County Administrator Paul

Compo stated that the former Keyport Clinic was considered as a possible site for Public Health to relocate. However, that option was determined too costly due to asbestos in the building. Although the Avalanche reported the story correctly, the information, unfortunately, was inaccurate. Crawford County is not aware of any asbestos in that building. Paul Compo and Crawford County apologize for the inaccuracy.

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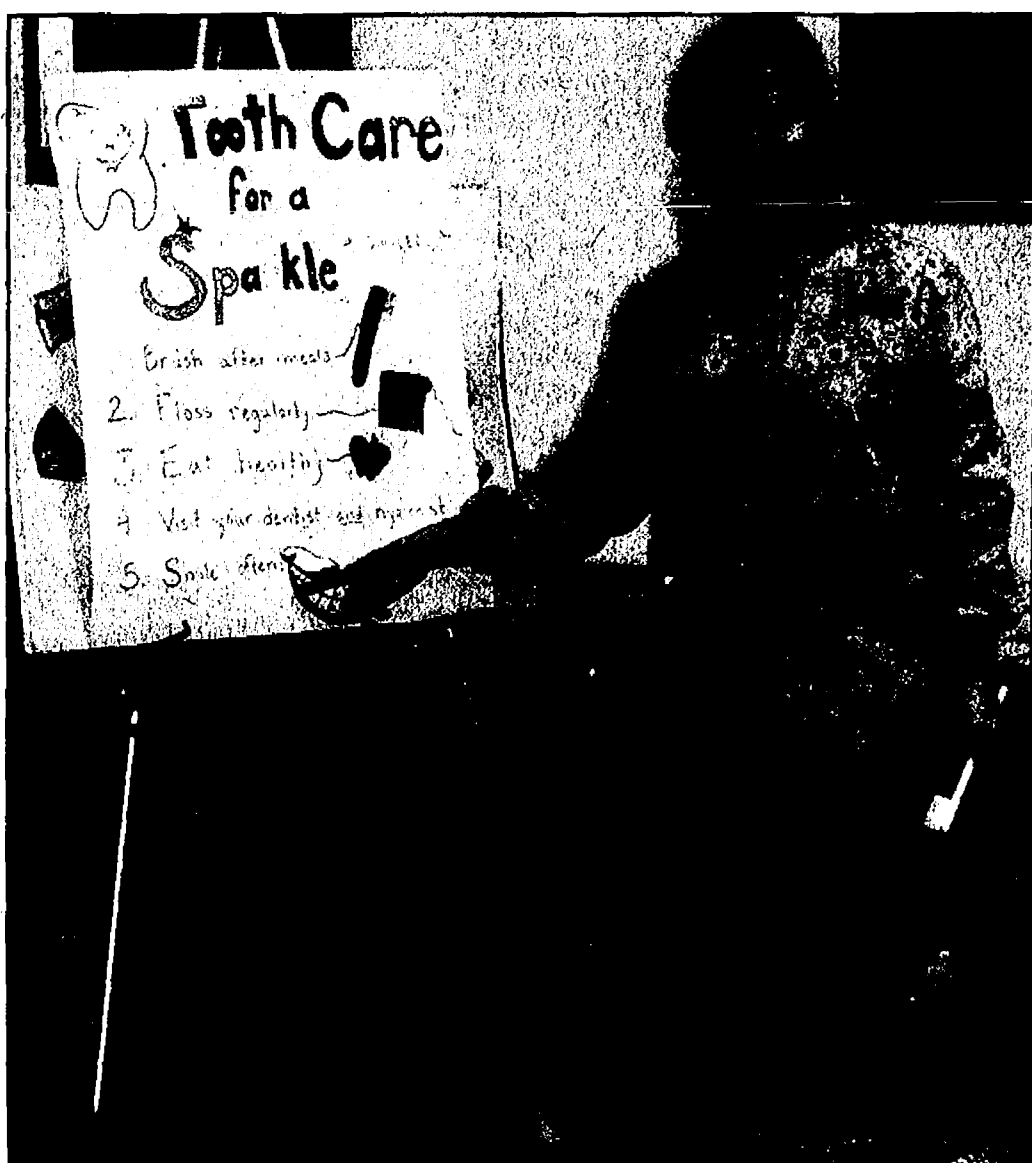
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## Students mark Dental Health Month



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Third graders at the Grayling Elementary School got an early start last week on National Children's Dental Health Month, which has been held in February for the last 60 years and is sponsored by the American Dental Association. Above, Richard Therrien and Serene Louchart, students in Jane Urban's third grade class, use their fingers and a piece of string to practice proper flossing techniques. Right, Tamara Fisher, a dental hygienist at Dr. Mary Davey's Office, goes over the foods children should and shouldn't eat and the dental hygiene practices they should follow to have a sparkly smile.



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## Medicare/Medicade help available

by Matt Seager  
 Staff Writer

As jobless people throughout the state clamor for unemployment benefits, area seniors are double-checking their financial life line, too. Although sorting through Medicare and Medicaide documentation can be daunting, there are local volunteers on hand who are ready to help.

Connie Skrowronek is the contact person for the Michigan Medicare/Medicaide Assistance Program (MMAP) in this area. She said that program volunteers in places like Crawford County are restoring hope to seniors who simply can't figure out how to get the coverage they need.

"Some of these people are just at wits end," Skrowronek said.

The MMAP was launched in 1990. The majority of the

organization's work is handled by dedicated volunteers.

According to Skrowronek, Medicare and Medicaide programs can be very difficult for anyone to navigate. Volunteers take a four-day training course just to learn their way around the forms and bureaucracy.

Alice Snyder, the MMAP coordinator for Crawford County, said that these volunteers offer an essential service.

"If you are involved at all in the health insurance world, you know how complicated it is," Snyder said.

These local volunteers often turn area seniors on to options that they didn't know they had.

"They might pick the wrong plan ... and feel that they're stuck," Skrowronek said.

There are currently five

MMAP volunteers serving Crawford County. Last year, these local volunteers logged 130 cumulative hours assisting 77 beneficiaries with medical benefits.

Although volunteer work often involves making a simple phone call, in some cases they might work at a case for weeks.

"Some (cases) are difficult issues," Snyder said.

Snyder said that MMAP volunteers do the difficult work simply because they want a chance to make a difference.

"It gives them such a sense of satisfaction when they can help people," she said.

The MMAP is always in need of additional volunteers. For more information, contact Skrowronek at 1-800-219-2273. To access MMAP services in Crawford County, call the Commission on Aging at 989-348-7123.

## Correction

In an article which ran in the Jan. 29 edition of the Avalanche, titled "Family witnesses Barack Obama's inauguration," it incorrectly said that Ray Priebe Jr. was chairman of the Crawford County Democratic Party. Priebe was recently chairman of the Crawford County Democratic Party. Kevin Tomczak was appointed to serve as chairman on Dec. 4. The Avalanche apologizes for the error.

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## Online Poll Results

Last week's online poll question and results:

**Which team will win the Super Bowl?**

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**Arizona Cardinals**  
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(Final score of the Super Bowl: Pittsburgh 27, Arizona 23)

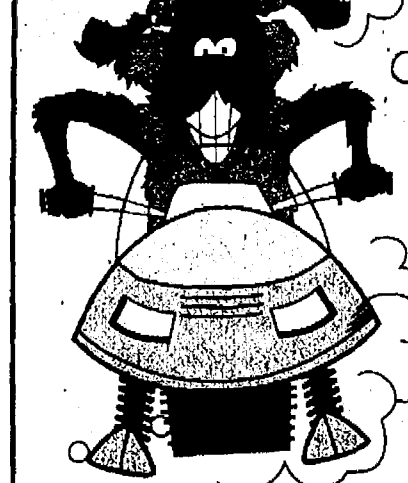
This week's online poll question: **What do you think of the proposed Main Street America theme park?**

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# Issues and Opinions



## Almanack

by Richard Milliman

## Local, state budgets await federal funds

ONE OF THE toughest tasks officials of local and state governmental units face each year is putting together an annual budget.

Forecasting annual income and spending are very difficult, and trying to get them at least to come out even – or even to leave a little left over on the income side – usually is even tougher.

Our declining economy makes budgeting even worse. Deficits and shortfalls are usual. That's especially true in Michigan, with a deficit for the 2009-10 state budget estimated at \$1.6 billion. States or cities across the country without budget problems are rare.

But there is light at the end of the tunnel, apparently ... at least in the short run.

President Obama's \$820 billion stimulus package, in one form or another, is on the way, and state and local public officials are salivating in anticipation.

City, school and even township officials are listing streets to rebuild, convention or neighbor-

hood centers to expand or update, sewers to be laid, schools to be constructed or remodeled, programs to be started or enhanced.

ON THE STATE level, Gov. Jennifer Granholm in preparing Michigan's annual budget is counting heavily on Obama dollars to bring Michigan some dollar relief, and financing for some otherwise unaffordable but worthy state endeavors.

Governors across the country are following the same routine.

Gov. Granholm also is proposing service cuts, eliminating or consolidating state departments or commissions, reducing payrolls, and other steps to tighten state spending. She has promised no new taxes on her shortening watch.

As for the federal dollars, she told a national TV audience the other day that "We need help. We need it now."

So do other states ... and cities ... and counties ... and school districts ... and townships.

WITH SO MANY units of government counting on a boost from the federal stimulus package, it's a good bet some are going to be disappointed.

As described in the national press, the Obama package will go for programs to help people in immediate need, for job creation, and for tax cuts.

Together, these are expected to cure immediate crises of care, and to get our economy rolling again, but will it work?

How far will \$820 billion reach? How much of it will go to underserving programs? How much will be eaten by fraud and waste?

How much will be productive? How much of it will establish new programs at one, or another government level that then must be maintained, even after the stimulus dollars are gone?

How much of it will actually help people, create enough jobs and jolt the economy? How much will actually solve problems,

and how much will only delay solutions?

Only time will tell.

PERHAPS IT'S the curmudgeon in me, but I remember that not many months ago, in the heat of the 2008 presidential campaign, former President Bush and his advisors pushed forth another economic stimulus plan which started out as a three-page idea.

The Bush plan also carried a price tag of more than \$800 billion, and Congress rushed through its adoption with extraordinary speed. Both candidates for president voted for it. We were told if this plan was not adopted right now, the country would return to the depression of the 1930s, only worse.

This earlier stimulus plan was supposed to save the banking system, loosen credit, boost the free market into productive action, and turn around the national economy.

So far it hasn't done any of these things. We're still in an economic

mess.

There was not much oversight on how that first \$800 billion stimulus was to be handed out, and precious few check-ups on how it was spent, which proved to be unwise.

How effective was that earlier \$800 billion in federal money designed as a stimulus to our economy and a problem solving venture? Will the Obama plan have the same fate?

Well, this new stimulus program has different authors and different executors, and we can hope for better implementation of the ideas and more effective results.

The Obama stimulus plan better work.

The state of Michigan is among hundreds of governmental units throughout the country which are depending on it.

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Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman, and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

## Letters to the Editor

### DNR claims wolves do not have a significant impact on deer

To the editor:

The DNR claims that wolves do not have a significant impact on deer. However, compelling anecdotal evidence flies in the face of that assurance. Even if they are not killing deer during hunting seasons, they keep them skittish and moving around. If you hunt in areas affected by this activity, it can ruin your hunting experience.

DNR biologists report that deer make up 58 percent of a wolf's diet, we have about 520 wolves and that each wolf consumes 18 deer per year. That is a minimum of 9,360 deer, which is probably a low estimate. They don't count the animals that are killed but not eaten.

In a recent news article, Brian Roell, DNR Wolf Coordinator, was quoted, "taking wolves off the endangered species list allows wolves to be managed by states and tribes, including using lethal means to control a limited

number of problem wolves ..." However, just dealing with problem wolves is not management. They need to use public harvest seasons to actually control the population, reduce their numbers where they have become overabundant and allow people to kill wolves harassing and killing pets and livestock. Concern for the resource must be balanced with the needs of those forced to live with these animals.

The best way to solve our wolf problem is to have a thriving population in the Lower Peninsula. Our brethren downstate should share our good fortune and experience the joys and heartaches of having these critters in their midst. Nothing focuses the mind like staring down the barrel of the government's compassion. When I served on the Wolf Roundtable, this subject was discussed. Most downstate representatives were adamantly opposed. That illustrates a

point I've made for years. Wolves are best appreciated from a distance.

Appointing a citizen's committee to develop a wildlife management plan sets a bad precedent because biological science is subordinated to the whims of politics. For example, the wolf management plan is based on recommended guiding principles developed by the Wolf Roundtable. Those recommendations do not allow for recreational hunting and trapping, which is the only practical and cost effective way to manage game and furbearing animals. If this is the future of wildlife management, why does the DNR need biologists?

Bringing in large predators we didn't need and politically correct wildlife management were dreamed up by the deep thinkers in Lansing. No wonder we have so many problems with this agency.

John Hongisto  
Deerton

### Biggest blunder is the ban on recreational deer feeding

To the editor:

I personally think our lawmakers in Lansing have made the biggest blunder in decades by bringing about the ban on recreational deer feeding.

We are seeing deer die in front of our faces without being able to do anything.

Ask any game biologist, that is honest enough to give you an answer, how much nutrition a deer gets from eating jack pine or any other

pine for that matter.

Take a ride along M-72 West or across Manistee River Road, or across any other stand of jack pine, and you can see starving deer most any time of the day if you care to look.

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732-3541, Roscommon at 989-275-5121 or Traverse City at 231-922-5280. Call Andy Neumann, State Rep. Dist. 106 in Lansing, at 517-373-0833 or 517-373-0315 for the Governor.

You may feel your calls are falling on deaf ears, but believe me, they are truly worth the effort. There are people out there that care.

David Myers, Sr.  
Grayling

### Unaffordable rates make it hard to share quality time with family

To the editor:

Wow! Can you believe the turn out at Hanson Hills this year on Friday nights. Lift tickets are \$1, ski rentals are \$1, what an unbelievable deal during these economic hard times.

But what I find really sad is that the tubing hill is open and often unused. I think the rental cost of \$9 per person, for an hour and a half, is very unaffordable for most, if not all families, in our community right now.

For a family of five such as mine, the cost is \$45 for an hour and a half of activity, and that is not affordable for any family right now.

I know how hard times are and how important it is for families to be able to do something outside of the home. For more children than you realize, parents have had to say "no" to some of the fun things that you and my children took advantage of being able to do years ago.

Having raised three children in Grayling, I now listen to my 10 grandchildren complain of the lack of activities for them and Hanson Hills seems to be the only highlight of our community.

So, I feel that maybe if the cost of using such a fun hill were lowered to an affordable rate, more families in our community could enjoy all the benefits that Hanson Hills has to offer. Not to mention the quality time many families need to share during the hard times that we are all experiencing in some way.

Right now, before our very eyes, we are seeing the devastating effects of the economy. Many local places are closing, jobs are being lost and times are harder than they have ever been before. The stress of finances and the question being, will I have a job tomorrow, are the harsh realities in our community and in our country.

What do you say Hanson Hills? Would you consider a lower rate or maybe a weekend day that you could tube for a cheaper rate? As one of the only places in Crawford County to enjoy winter activities, let's try to bring more members of our community together and let everyone enjoy what you have to offer.

Laura Schans  
Grayling

### Concerning the pit bull stories

To the editor:

I have seen a lot of letters to the editor concerning the defense of these dogs.

It's very true that they have a bad rap record. I believe, for a very good reason, some people train these dogs to be fighting dogs and these dogs are good at what they do.

Sometimes, when you put dogs together in a pair they can be really vicious and more dangerous than if they were alone.

Everybody has been say-

ing that these dogs were only protecting their home and it would be OK in my eyes if those dogs were inside the house, but running loose in the yard is not OK.

What would have happened if some kid would have come to that house asking for directions? Thank God nothing like that happened, but it could have. Think about it.

Lloyd Crawford  
Grayling

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# Briefs

## COA to hold Valentine Dinner

The Senior Center, 305 Lawndale St., will hold a public Valentine Dinner on Thursday, Feb. 5, from 4 p.m. - 6 p.m. Dinner includes chicken cordon bleu, baked potato, peas with pearl onions and mushrooms and fresh fruit medley. The cost for ages 60 and over is a suggested donation of \$2 and the cost for those under 60 is \$4.75. A salad bar will be offered for an additional \$1.25. For more information, call Debra Looney at 348-7123.

## Sheriff to attend township meeting

Sheriff Kirk Wakefield will attend the Frederic Township meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 10, at 7 p.m. He will be there throughout the meeting, and if necessary, remain afterwards for additional questions or comments.

## Little League to hold registration

The Grayling Little League will hold a player registration on Sunday, Feb. 8, from 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. in the Grayling Elementary School gym. The registration fee is \$35 per player or a family maximum of \$90. Additionally, each player must pay for two Home Run cards (or a family max of four cards) for \$10 each, which they may keep or sell. All players must provide a copy of their birth certificate at the time of registration. For more information, contact Teresa Bonamie at 348-6805.

## Guided snowshoe hikes to begin

Guided snowshoe hikes at Hartwick Pines State Park will begin at the Visitor Center on Saturday, Feb. 7 and Feb. 21, at 1 p.m. It is approximately a one-mile hike to the Logging Museum, where there will be a campfire and hot cider. Learn about logging in the winter. This is a free program, but reservations are required, as there is a 20 person limit. For more information, call the Visitor Center at 989-348-2537 or e-mail kasmmerc@michigan.gov.

## Class on energy codes to be held

A free class and updates on Michigan Uniform Energy Code 2003 for community property owners and contractors will be held at Grayling Charter Township on Feb. 12, from 3 p.m. - 5 p.m. Learn more about saving money on energy costs and the requirements for new building structures. This is promoted by the Department of Building Safety, Crawford County and the Charter Township of Grayling. The class will be given by Joe Duran and Robert Dixon.

## Organ transplant group to meet

The next meeting for the Organ Transplant Support Group of Northern Michigan will be held on Feb. 12, at 6 p.m., in the conference room in the Professional Medical Building located just behind Otsego Memorial Hospital, 825 N. Center St., Gaylord. The guest speakers will be Exercise Specialist from Otsego Memorial Hospital, Julie Shepherd, and Kerry Elder, Respiratory Therapist. For more information, call Bev at 989-983-4188, or e-mail at bevo@core.com.

## VFW Post #3736 to hold meeting

The VFW Post #3736, and the Ladies Auxiliary, will hold their monthly meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 10, at 7 p.m., at the American Legion Hall.

## Choir boosters to hold meeting

The choir boosters meeting will be held on Thursday, Feb. 5, at 6:30 p.m., in the Grayling High School Choir Room. Parents of choir students are encouraged to attend.

## GPA dinner show presents Soprano's Three

The Grayling Promotional Association's Entertainment Series will be presenting a dinner show featuring the Soprano's Three at the Ramada Inn in Grayling on Thursday, Feb. 12.

Move over Tenors ... here are three talented Sopranos who will charm any audience with their vivacious program of operatic and Broadway selections.

Since each graduated with degrees in Opera Performance, there is no end to the vocal thrills as they portray the leading ladies of opera, operetta and Broadway.

The audience will hear solo and ensemble selections from some of the most beloved operas and Broadway productions such as: Carmen, Madame

Butterfly, Lakme, The Mikado, The King and I, Kiss me Kate and Mame.

The dinner to be served will be lasagna with tossed salad, a vegetable, a potato, a roll and butter, dessert and a non-alcoholic beverage.

Doors open at 5:30 p.m., dinner will be served at 6 p.m. and the performance begins at 7 p.m.

Tickets are \$30 and are available in advance in uptown Grayling at Riverland or at the door.

This entertainment series is presented by the Grayling Promotional Association in partnership with area businesses and corporations, and grants from the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs and the Michigan Humanities Council.

## Library News

Children ages 0 to preschool (and their parents) are invited to story hour every Wednesday at 11 a.m. at the Devereaux Memorial Library. Get your kids hooked on books by coming to the library for this interactive program filled with stories, crafts and a snack.

The Lovells Township Library will hold a Valentine's program titled "Your Heart's Desire," on Saturday, Feb. 7, at 1 p.m. Call Connie Meyer, at 344-

9343, to sign up for this event which includes stories, Valentine crafts and cookie decorating.

An after school program, called "My Funny Valentine," will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 10, at 3:30 p.m. at the Devereaux Memorial Library. Learn to make funny and silly gifts and humorous cards for that special valentine. For more information or to sign up, call Jane at 348-9214, ext. 205.

## Kirtland to host "College Goal Sunday" site

Kirtland Community College will be one of about 29 sites statewide to host "College Goal Sunday," an annual event to raise awareness about opportunities for financial aid, on Sunday, Feb. 8, from 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Hundreds of volunteers will help college-bound Michigan students and their families complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, or FAFSA, during the statewide event Feb. 8. The FAFSA is required of any student seeking financial aid including grants, loans and many scholarships.

College Goal Sunday is a collaborative effort among the Michigan Guaranty Agency, the Michigan Student Financial Aid Association and EduGuide: Partnership for Learning. The program is designed to increase the number of Michigan students who continue education beyond high school and earn post-secondary degrees.

"Parents should not underestimate the amount of financial aid that is available," said Diane Sprague, director of the Michigan Guaranty Agency. "As lead sponsor of Michigan College Goal Sunday, MGA wants to ensure that students have the opportunity to submit their FAFSA by the March 1 priority date so they are eligible for both state and federal financial aid programs."

On College Goal

Sunday, financial aid experts will be available to guide students through each step of completing and filing the FAFSA. Students under 23 years of age are encouraged to attend with a parent or guardian. Parents and students should bring their families' completed 2008 IRS 1040 tax return (if possible) or their W-2 and 1099 forms, as well as social security and driver's license information.

At Kirtland, College Goal Sunday events will be located in rooms 247 and 248 - the Testing Center/FLEX Lab - in the upper level of the Administration Building on the college's main campus near Roscommon. More than \$6,000 in gifts and prizes will be handed out statewide during College Goal Sunday events, including scholarships, a Dell laptop computer and Barnes & Noble gift cards.

Additional support for College Goal Sunday was provided by the C.S. Mott Foundation, the Lumina Foundation for Education and the DTE Energy Foundation.

For more information and a complete list of College Goal Sunday sites, visit online at [www.micollegegoal.org](http://www.micollegegoal.org) or call 800-832-2462. For details regarding the event at Kirtland, call the Financial Aid Office at 989-275-5000, extension 257, or e-mail [finaid@kirtland.edu](mailto:finaid@kirtland.edu).

## Raffle Winners

### Grayling Youth Booster Club

The 50/50 raffle winners for Feb. 1 of \$25 each; Pat Benardo, Tike Golnick and Michelle Bond.

### Grayling Lions Club

The winner of the Grayling Lions Club Lucky 13 raffle for Jan. 30 was Jackie Riddle.

## RECYCLING SUGGESTIONS

There are a lot of easy ways to recycle common household objects. A great place to start is with plastic grocery bags. Currently, the local recycling center does not accept these items.

However, there are plenty of daily uses for the plastic bags that may be accumulating in the back of your cupboard or closet.

They can be used as waste basket liners, placed in the bottom of pot plants or hanging baskets as drainage systems, scrunched up and used as a packaging alternative to bubble wrap or even used to pick up pet droppings.

Also, some local retailers encourage shoppers to reuse old plastic bags when purchasing new merchandise.

Have your own recycling suggestion? Share it with our community! Send an e-mail to [comments@crawfordcountyavalanche.com](mailto:comments@crawfordcountyavalanche.com) or write to "Crawford County Avalanche," PO Box 490, Grayling, MI 49738. Look for a new recycling tip in next week's column.

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# The Bible Speaks

## Can we Trust God's Judgment?

We know we can trust God's person in Romans 8:31; God's work of love in Romans 8:32; God's justice in Romans 8:33; but can we trust God's judgment of wrath in Romans 8:34: "34Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us."

This question is raised to expound upon the truth first revealed to us in the first verse of Romans 8: "1There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit." As we already know from John 3:17,18 that the Son did not come to condemn us: "17For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. 18He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God." John 5:24 tells us we as believers shall never come into condemnation. So God's revelation pro-

claims no condemnation for God's saints.

Second, God's redemption paid the price of our condemnation when Jesus Christ died for our sins. "It is Christ that died..." "28Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many." (Matt. 20:28). "24Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed." (1 Pet. 2:24). We were condemned through the sin of Adam, but we are justified and made righteous through faith in the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ as God's free gift: "18Therefore as by the offence of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life."

Third, God's resurrection of Christ proved there is no condemnation for God's saints: "...Yea rather, that is risen again." "25Who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification." The resurrection of Jesus Christ is our proof of justification. As 1 Corinthians 15:17 reminds us:

"17And if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins." "9Knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him." Christ has conquered sin, death, hell and the grave for us once for all and proved it by His resurrection.

Fourth, God's risen position of Christ proclaims no condemnation for God's saints: "...who is even at the right hand of God." "22Who is gone into heaven, and is on the right hand of God; angels and authorities and powers being made subject unto him." (1 Pet. 3:22). His exalted position assures us His finished work is accepted by our heavenly Father and no one else can ever condemn us.

Fifth, God's reign procures no condemnation because Jesus Christ remains as our intercessor: "who also maketh intercession for us." "25Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them." (Hebrews 7:25). Pastor "B"

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## Obituaries

### Grace L. Robinson

Grace "Louise" Robinson, 85, of Grayling, passed away on January 27, 2009.

She was born in Birmingham, Ala., on November 18, 1923.

She married Robert Robinson in 1944. He preceded her in death in 1987.

She devoted her life to caring for her family as a wife and mother.

She was spiritual and religious and raised her family in a Christian church.

She was an active member of Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church.

She is survived by her sons: Robert R. Robinson III of Valencia, Calif., Rodney (Tanya) Robinson of Battle Creek, Mark Robinson of Grayling; daughter, Carol Hively of Grayling; grandchildren: Alexis, Sara and Mitchell Robinson and Caleb Dunham; great-grandchildren: Devin, Ethan and Isaac; brother, William McCollough of Texas; and brother-in-law, Russell Robinson of Lansing.

A funeral service was held at Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home on January 31, with Dr. William Cargo officiating.

Interment was at Elmwood Cemetery in Grayling.

Condolences may be sent to [www.sorenson-lockwood.com](http://www.sorenson-lockwood.com).

Memorial contributions may be made to Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church.

Arrangements made by Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home.

### Mary M. Peterson

Mary M. Peterson, 80, of Beaver Creek Township, passed away on January 27, 2009.

She was born in Detroit, on August 23, 1928, to the late William John and Alenia Mae (Vogt) Butcher.

She married James John Peterson on August 5, 1960, in Royal Oak. He preceded her in death on January 17, 2009. They had been married for 48 years.

She is survived by her daughter, Kim Joppie of Hastings; grandchildren: Michael, Jimmy and Cassie; great-granddaughter: Brin; and niece, Linda (Tom) Swaitlowski.

She was preceded in death by her husband; and sisters, Kathleen Miller and Evelyn Wortman.

No services are planned at this time.

Arrangements made by Daniels Funeral Home of Nashville.

### Doris Lowe

Doris Lowe, 91, a long time resident of Grayling, passed away on Monday February 2, 2009.

She was born on July 12, 1917, in Oscoda County, to the late David and Mattie (Mansfield) Lowe.

Following her father's work with the railroad, the family moved often. At one time they lived in DeWard, a ghost town in Crawford County.

She graduated from Grayling High School and remained in Grayling where she worked for over 60 years for Emil Kraus and family. She worked first in the little red dime store that later became known as Ben Franklin.

She enjoyed bowling, but sharing time with family and friends was most important in her life.

She is survived by her brother, Richard (Shirley) Lowe of Mt. Morris; sister-in-law, Donna Lowe of Bay City; many nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents, David and Mattie Lowe, brothers: Leon, George and William; sister and brother-in-law, Arbutus and John Schofield and sister-in-law, Cloya (Rood) Lowe.

Please call Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home, at 348-2951, for arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.sorensonlockwood.com](http://www.sorensonlockwood.com).

Memorial contributions may be made to Heartland Hospice of West Branch.

### Doris E. Wright

Doris E. Wright, 94, formerly of Grayling, passed away peacefully on her birthday, February 1, 2009.

She was born in 1915, in Muncie, Ind.

She resided in Flint and Detroit before moving to Grayling in 1973.

Her husband of 60 years, Marion Wright, passed away in 2001 and was an active member of Trout Unlimited.

She has lived near her grandson's family in Phoenix, Ariz., since 2001.

She is survived by her son, Bob Wright; grandson, Kevin Wright; three great-grandchildren: Lauren, Thomas and Annabel.

A graveside service will be held at noon on Friday at Sunset Hills Cemetery, G-4413 Flushing Rd., Flint, MI 48504.

Condolences may be sent to [www.sharpfuneral-homes.com](http://www.sharpfuneral-homes.com).

## Card of Thanks

I would like to thank everyone who was there for us during the loss of our husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather, and I thank all of his friends.

Thanks to all our brothers and sisters of The Church of Jesus Christ and Latter Day Saints, Gaylord branch President David Stephenson and his wife Ann. They were there with their love and support when we needed them.

Thanks to Mercy Hospice of Grayling, especially the nurses Jenny, Cathy L. and Pete, who were there every day for us.

Thank you to RG & GR Harris Funeral Home of Livonia for all the comfort and kindness during our sad ordeal. Thank you also to our neighbors and friends of McIntyre's Landing.

Thank you to 911 for responding so promptly and thank you to Dr. Todoroff and his team in the Mercy Hospital Emergency Room.

The family of Gerald C. Terry, Sr.

## Church Directory

**Christian Science Society**  
209 First St., Suite 103 - Gaylord  
(989) 732-7001  
Sunday Service ..... 10:30 am  
April through October  
2nd & 4th Wednesday ..... 7 pm  
Sunday School ..... 10:30 am

**Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church**  
Pastor: Dr. William A. Cargo  
400 Michigan Ave. - (989) 348-2974  
[www.mumc.org](http://www.mumc.org) - Barriar Free  
Traditional Service ..... 9 am  
Coffee Hour ..... 10 am  
Sunday School (preschool-3rd grade) ..... 11 am  
Adult Sunday School ..... 10 am  
Praise & Worship Service ..... 11 am  
(Childcare Available)

**Seventh Day Adventist**  
Pastor: David Jorgensen  
(989) 348-1909  
Services held Saturday at Camp Ausable  
off M-72 East (1st building on right inside  
camp entrance)  
Saturday Church Service ..... 9:30 am  
Saturday Sabbath School ..... 10:30 am  
Tuesday Prayer Meeting ..... 7 pm

**Lovells Community Chapel**  
(Bible based and non-denominational)  
Pastor: Larry Hawkins  
8133 Bald Hill Rd. - Lovells  
(989) 348-2701  
Sunday School (youth & adult) ..... 10 am  
Morning Worship ..... 11 am  
Web Prayer & Bible Study ..... 7-8 pm

**Grayling Free Methodist**  
Pastor: Rick Secord  
6652 M-72 West - (989) 348-9093  
Early Service ..... 8:30 am  
Sunday School ..... 10 am  
Morning Service ..... 11 am  
Prayer Meeting (Wednesday) ..... 7 pm

**Emma Lowery United Church of Christ**  
3474 West Park Road, Luzerne  
Sunday Worship ..... 11 am  
Adult & Youth Sunday School ..... 9:30 am

**Heritage Baptist**  
Pastor: Ernie Wagner - (989) 348-1411  
[heritagebaptist-grayling.org](http://heritagebaptist-grayling.org)  
1841 Hartwick Pines Rd.  
(1/4 mile west of I-75)  
Sunday School ..... 9:45 am  
Morning Worship ..... 10:30 am  
Evening Worship ..... 6 pm  
Wednesday ..... 7 pm

**Grayling Assembly of God**  
Pastor: Gary Wojdan  
701 S. I-75 Business Loop  
Parsonage (989) 348-7466  
Sunday School ..... 9:30 am  
Morning Worship ..... 10:30 am  
Evening Service ..... 6 pm  
Family Night Adult-Youth-Children (Wed) 7 pm

**The Church of Christ**  
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Sunday Worship ..... 10 am

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Sunday Worship ..... 11 am

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Sunday School ..... 9:15 am  
Sunday Worship ..... 10:30 am

### Burning Bush Tabernacle



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First Baptist Church of Frederic  
Pastor: Dale Hammond

Sunday School ..... 9:45 am  
Morning Worship ..... 11 am  
Evening Worship ..... 6 pm  
Wed. Prayer & Bible Study ..... 7 pm

**Unity Church of Today North**  
Minister: Terry Dickinson  
Virtual Church - an E-mail Bible Study  
available at [thud@freeway.net](mailto:thud@freeway.net)

**Luzerne Baptist**  
Pastor: James Durfee  
2247 Durfee Lane  
Sunday School ..... 10 am  
Sunday Morning Worship ..... 11 am  
Sunday Evening Worship ..... 6 pm  
Wednesday Bible Study ..... 7 pm

**Burning Bush Tabernacle**  
Pastor: Patricia Petrie - (989) 348-1278  
501 E. Michigan Ave., Grayling  
Sunday School ..... 10 am  
Sun. Service, Children's Church & Youth  
Service ..... 11 am  
Sunday Evening Service ..... 6 pm  
Monday Prayer Meeting ..... 7 pm  
Wednesday Service ..... 7 pm  
Friday Prayer Meeting ..... 7 pm  
(van transportation available)

**Community of Christ**  
Pastor: Ann Doty  
North Down River Rd. at  
1030 Glenn Rd. - (989) 348-9751  
Church School ..... 9:45 am  
Preaching ..... 11 am  
Midweek Service Prayer ..... 7 pm

**St. Mary's Roman Catholic Community**  
Pastor: Robert W. Nalley, J.V.  
Parish Office - 707 Spruce  
(989) 348-7657  
Saturday Evening Masses ..... 4:30 pm  
Sunday Masses ..... 10 am

**St. Francis Episcopal**  
Reverend: Elizabeth Chace  
M-72 West - Office (989) 348-5850  
Morning Prayer Tue-Fri ..... 8:30 am  
Eucharist (Wed) ..... 8:30 am  
Sunday Holy Eucharist ..... 8:30 & 10:30 am

**Resurrection Life Center**  
Pastor: Bud & Debbie Mann  
Mail: 2640 M-72 West Grayling, MI 49738  
[reslifecenter.com](http://reslifecenter.com)  
Phone: (989) 348-1000  
Sunday Service ..... 10:30 am  
Midweek Services (Wed) ..... 7 pm  
E-mail: [reslifefellowship@hotmail.com](mailto:reslifefellowship@hotmail.com)

**Mt. Hope Lutheran Church (LCMS)**  
905 N. I-75 Bus. Loop  
(at junction of M-93 & Old 27)  
(989) 348-5921  
Saturday Evening Worship Service ..... 7 pm  
Sunday Worship Service ..... 10:30 am  
Sunday School ..... 9:15 am

**Calvary Baptist Church**  
Pastor: Dr. Robert Barnett  
M-72 West, Grayling - (989) 348-9220  
Sunday School ..... 9:45 am  
Morning Worship ..... 10:30 am  
Evening Worship ..... 6 pm  
Wednesday ..... 7 pm  
Prayer & Awana Club (Wed) ..... 7 pm

**Church of Christ**  
Old US-27 at Skyline Rd. - (989) 275-8613  
In Search of the Lord's Way Sunday Mornings on  
TV 29 & 8 ..... 7:30 am  
Sunday Classes ..... 10 am  
Sunday Worship ..... 11 am  
Sunday Evening ..... 6 pm  
1st Sunday Evening of every month, there is no service  
Midweek Bible Study (Wed.) ..... 7 pm

**Abundant Life Tabernacle**  
Pastor: Lyle Studer  
211 Shellenbarger St. - (989) 348-5325  
Sunday School ..... 10 am  
Sunday Worship ..... 11 am & 6 pm  
Wednesday Evening ..... 7 pm

**Grayling Baptist Church**  
Affiliated with S.B.C.  
Pastor: John Scott  
705 Madison St., Grayling - (989) 348-2557  
Sunday School ..... 9:45 am  
Morning Worship ..... 11 am  
Evening Service ..... 6 pm  
Wednesday Service ..... 7 pm

**Bear Lake Christian**  
Pastor: David Rosenberg  
Associate Pastor: Scott Hoffer  
M-72 & East Bear Lake Rd.  
Sunday Church Service ..... 10 am - 6:30 pm  
Sunday School ..... 9 am  
Bible Study (Wed.) ..... 7 pm  
Youth Group 2nd & 4th Wed. ..... 6:30 pm

**Church Alive Church of God**  
Pastor: David Barker  
506 North Birch St., Kalkaska  
(231) 258-3448  
Sunday School ..... 10 am  
Worship Service ..... 11 am & 6 pm  
Family Training Hour & Prayer  
(Wednesday) ..... 7 pm

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Sunday School ..... 9 am  
Morning Worship ..... 10 am  
Tue. Women's Bible Study ..... 10 am  
Wed. Men's Bible Study ..... Noon

**Grayling Valley Church of God**  
Pastor: Gary Thompson  
(989) 422-3464 - (989) 344-0883  
Meetings held at Ramada Inn  
Sunday Night Potluck ..... 5 pm  
Sunday Service ..... 6 pm

**The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints**  
President: David Stephenson  
600 North Elm Street, Gaylord  
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Sunday School ..... 11 am  
Primary ..... 11 am  
Priesthood ..... Noon  
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The Crawford County Library System recently received 70 hardcover books valued at \$1,057.65 from The Libri Foundation, a nonprofit organization which donates new, quality, hardcover children's books to small, rural public libraries in the United States through its Books for Children program. Matching funds for the books were provided through the Friends of the Crawford County Library System. Above, Rachel Thiel looks over one of the books from the Books for Children program at the Devereaux Memorial Crawford County Library.

## Recreation fees increased

For the first time in over a decade, recreation fees were raised on the Huron-Manistee National Forests. Effective Jan. 1, 2009, fee hikes occurred at 66 sites and fees were eliminated at three others. Recreation fees are collected for use of Forest Service campgrounds, picnic sites, boat access sites and trailheads. Annual recreation passes now cost \$30, or two for \$45 per household. Weekly passes increased to \$15 and daily passes increased to \$5.

Campsite fees range from \$10 to \$15 per night, according to site-specific developments and amenities. Each campsite fee covers two vehicles, eight people and two sleeping units. Group camping fees range from \$40 to \$100 per night, depending on group size.

Within the AuSable River Corridor, camping is permitted at 102 individually designated single-family campsites along a 55-mile stretch of shoreline and bluffs within Alcona and Iosco Counties. Camping

reservations and a nightly camping fee of \$10 are required between May 15 and Sept. 30. Reservations may be made online at [www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov) or by telephone at 877-444-6777.

Kirtland's Warbler Guided Tours continue to be an international tourist attraction on the Huron National Forest, as the jack pine habitat in northern Michigan is the only place in the world where this endangered bird nests. Guided tours start and end at the Mio Ranger District Office for a fee of \$10 for adults, with children age 17 and under free.

Fees were increased to align national forest costs with those charged by private entities for similar recreation opportunities. Inflation, increased maintenance costs, additional amenities and/or greater capacity also led to the fee hikes.

The Huron-Manistee National Forests operate and maintain 174 developed recreation sites in

Michigan's Lower Peninsula. No fees are required at 72 sites, 28 are operated by concessionaires and another eight are slated for decommissioning with conversion to free dispersed sites.

In addition to passes issued by the Huron-Manistee National Forests, recreationists may obtain Interagency Passes which allow the cardholder and up to three accompanying passengers entry into a number of federally-managed recreational sites. Those who have attained 62 years of age are eligible for a senior pass for a onetime cost of \$10 which allows free day use and 50 percent discount off camping fees. Those with a qualifying permanent disability may be eligible to obtain an Access Interagency pass at no charge.

Recreation passes may be purchased by mail or in person at any of the five forest offices in Mio, Oscoda, Baldwin, Manistee or Cadillac.

## Honors

Western Michigan University

Nathan Lowe and Caralie Raymond, both of Grayling, were named to the Dean's List for the fall 2008 semester at Western Michigan University. Kelly Dunckley of Frederic, Megan McLean, Benjamin Noack, Phillip Wachowiak and Adriane Ware, all of Roscommon, were also named to the Dean's List.

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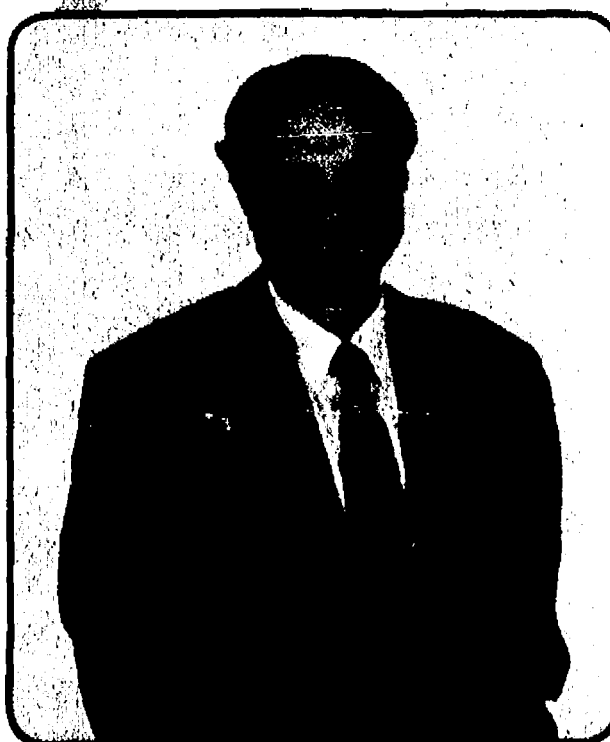
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## Can we Trust God's Judgment?

We know we can trust God's person in Romans 8:31; God's work of love in Romans 8:32; God's justice in Romans 8:33; but can we trust God's judgment of wrath in Romans 8:34: "34Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us."

This question is raised to expound upon the truth first revealed to us in the first verse of Romans 8: "1There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit." As we already know from John 3:17,18 that the Son did not come to condemn us: "17For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. 18He that believeth on him is not condemned; but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God." John 5:24 tells us we as believers shall never come into condemnation. So God's revelation pro-

claims no condemnation for God's saints.

Second, God's redemption paid the price of our condemnation when Jesus Christ died for our sins. "It is Christ that died..." "28Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many." (Matt. 20:28). "24Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed." (1 Pet. 2:24). We were condemned through the sin of Adam, but we are justified and made righteous through faith in the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ as God's free gift: "18Therefore as by the offence of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life."

Third, God's resurrection of Christ proved there is no condemnation for God's saints: "...Yea rather, that is risen again." "25Who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification." The resurrection of Jesus Christ is our proof of justification. As 1 Corinthians 15:17 reminds us:

"17And if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins." "9Knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him." Christ has conquered sin, death, hell and the grave for us once for all and proved it by His resurrection.

Fourth, God's risen position of Christ proclaims no condemnation for God's saints: "...who is even at the right hand of God." "22Who is gone into heaven, and is on the right hand of God; angels and authorities and powers being made subject unto him." (1 Pet. 3:22). His exalted position assures us His finished work is accepted by our heavenly Father and no one else can ever condemn us.

Fifth, God's reign procures no condemnation because Jesus Christ remains as our intercessor: "who also maketh intercession for us." "25Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them." (Hebrews 7:25). Pastor "B"

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## Obituaries

### Grace L. Robinson

Grace "Louise" Robinson, 85, of Grayling, passed away on January 27, 2009.

She was born in Birmingham, Ala., on November 18, 1923.

She married Robert Robinson in 1944. He preceded her in death in 1987.

She devoted her life to caring for her family as a wife and mother.

She was spiritual and religious and raised her family in a Christian church.

She was an active member of Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church.

She is survived by her sons: Robert R. Robinson III of Valencia, Calif., Rodney (Tanya) Robinson of Battle Creek, Mark Robinson of Grayling; daughter, Carol Hiveley of Grayling; grandchildren: Alexis, Sara and Mitchell Robinson and Caleb Dunham; great-grandchildren: Devin, Ethan and Isaac; brother, William McCollough of Texas; and brother-in-law, Russell Robinson of Lansing.

A funeral service was held at Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home on January 31, with Dr. William Cargo officiating.

Interment was at Elmwood Cemetery in Grayling.

Condolences may be sent to [www.sorensonlockwood.com](http://www.sorensonlockwood.com).

Memorial contributions may be made to Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church.

Arrangements made by Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home.

### Mary M. Peterson

Mary M. Peterson, 80, of Beaver Creek Township, passed away on January 27, 2009.

She was born in Detroit, on August 23, 1928, to the late William John and Alenia Mae (Vogt) Butcher.

She married James John Peterson on August 5, 1960, in Royal Oak. He preceded her in death on January 17, 2009. They had been married for 48 years.

She is survived by her daughter, Kim Joppie of Hastings; grandchildren: Michael, Jimmy and Cassie; great-granddaughter: Brin; and niece, Linda (Tom) Swaitlowski.

She was preceded in death by her husband; and sisters, Kathleen Miller and Evelyn Wortman.

No services are planned at this time.

Arrangements made by Daniels Funeral Home of Nashville.

### Doris Lowe

Doris Lowe, 91, a long time resident of Grayling, passed away on Monday February 2, 2009.

She was born on July 12, 1917, in Oscoda County, to the late David and Mattie (Mansfield) Lowe.

Following her father's work with the railroad, the family moved often. At one time they lived in DeWard, a ghost town in Crawford County.

She graduated from Grayling High School and remained in Grayling where she worked for over 60 years for Emil Kraus and family. She worked first in the little red dime store that later became known as Ben Franklin.

She enjoyed bowling, but sharing time with family and friends was most important in her life.

She is survived by her brother, Richard (Shirley) Lowe of Mt. Morris; sister-in-law, Donna Lowe of Bay City; many nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents, David and Mattie Lowe, brothers: Leon, George and William; sister and brother-in-law, Arbutus and John Schofield and sister-in-law, Cloya (Rood) Lowe.

Please call Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home, at 348-2951, for arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.sorensonlockwood.com](http://www.sorensonlockwood.com).

Memorial contributions may be made to Heartland Hospice of West Branch.

### Doris E. Wright

Doris E. Wright, 94, formerly of Grayling, passed away peacefully on her birthday, February 1, 2009.

She was born in 1915, in Muncie, Ind.

She resided in Flint and Detroit before moving to Grayling in 1973.

Her husband of 60 years, Marion Wright, passed away in 2001 and was an active member of Trout Unlimited.

She has lived near her grandson's family in Phoenix, Ariz., since 2001.

She is survived by her son, Bob Wright; grandson, Kevin Wright; three great-grandchildren: Lauren, Thomas and Annabel.

A graveside service will be held at noon on Friday at Sunset Hills Cemetery, G-4413 Flushing Rd., Flint, MI 48504.

Condolences may be sent to [www.sharpfuneralhomes.com](http://www.sharpfuneralhomes.com).

## Card of Thanks

I would like to thank everyone who was there for us during the loss of our husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather, and I thank all of his friends.

Thanks to all our brothers and sisters of The Church of Jesus Christ and Latter Day Saints, Gaylord branch President David Stephenson and his wife Ann. They were there with their love and support when we needed them.

Thanks to Mercy Hospice of Grayling, especially the nurses Jenny, Cathy L. and Pete, who were there every day for us.

Thank you to RG & GR Harris Funeral Home of Livonia for all the comfort and kindness during our sad ordeal. Thank you also to our neighbors and friends of McIntyre's Landing.

Thank you to 911 for responding so promptly and thank you to Dr. Todoroff and his team in the Mercy Hospital Emergency Room.

The family of Gerald C. Terry, Sr.

## Church Directory

**Christian Science Society**  
209 First St., Suite 103 - Gaylord  
(989) 732-7001  
Sunday Service ..... 10:30 am  
April through October  
2nd & 4th Wednesday ..... 7 pm  
Sunday School ..... 10:30 am

**Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church**  
Pastor: Dr. William A. Cargo  
400 Michigan Ave. - (989) 348-2974  
[www.nm-umc.org](http://www.nm-umc.org) - Barrier Free  
Traditional Service ..... 9 am  
Coffee Hour ..... 10 am  
Sunday School (preschool - 3rd grade) ..... 11 am  
Adult Sunday School ..... 10 am  
Praise & Worship Service ..... 11 am  
(Childcare Available)

**Seventh Day Adventist**  
Pastor: David Jorgensen  
(989) 348-1909  
Services held Saturday at Camp Ausable off M-72 East (1st building on right inside camp entrance)  
Saturday Church Service ..... 9:30 am  
Saturday Sabbath School ..... 10:30 am  
Tuesday Prayer Meeting ..... 7 pm

**Lovells Community Chapel**  
(Bible based and non-denominational)  
Pastor: Larry Hankins  
8133 Bald Hill Rd. - Lovells  
(989) 348-2701  
Sunday School (youth & adult) ..... 10 am  
Morning Worship ..... 11 am  
Web Prayer & Bible Study ..... 7-8 pm

**Grayling Free Methodist**  
Pastor: Rick Secord  
6652 M-72 West - (989) 348-9093  
Early Service ..... 8:30 am  
Sunday School ..... 10:30 am  
Morning Service ..... 11 am  
Prayer Meeting (Wednesday) ..... 7 pm

**Emma Lowery United Church of Christ**  
3474 West Park Road, Luzerne  
Sunday Worship ..... 11 am  
Adult & Youth Sunday School ..... 9:30 am

**Heritage Baptist**  
Pastor: Ernie Wagner - (989) 348-1411  
[heritagebaptist-grayling.org](http://heritagebaptist-grayling.org)  
1841 Hartwick Pines Rd.  
(1/4 mile west of I-75)  
Sunday School ..... 9:45 am  
Morning Worship ..... 11 am  
Evening Worship ..... 6 pm  
Wednesday ..... 7 pm

**Grayling Assembly of God**  
Pastor: Gary Wojdan  
701 S. I-75 Business Loop  
Parsonage (989) 348-7466  
Sunday School ..... 9:30 am  
Morning Worship ..... 10:30 am  
Evening Service ..... 6 pm  
Family Night Adult-Youth-Children (Wed) ..... 7 pm

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Sunday School ..... 9:15 am  
Sunday Worship ..... 10:30 am

**Burning Bush Tabernacle**  
501 E. Michigan Ave.  
• Grayling •  
First Baptist Church of Frederic  
Pastor: Dale Hammond  
Sunday School ..... 9:45 am  
Morning Worship ..... 11 am  
Evening Worship ..... 6 pm  
Wed. Prayer & Bible Study ..... 7 pm

**Unity Church of Today North**  
Minister: Terry Dickinson  
Virtual Church - an E-mail Bible Study available at [tlmrd@freeway.net](mailto:tlmrd@freeway.net)  
Sunday School ..... 9:45 am  
Morning Worship ..... 11 am  
Evening Worship ..... 6 pm  
Wed. Prayer & Bible Study ..... 7 pm

**Luzerne Baptist**  
Pastor: James Durfee  
2247 Durfee Lane  
Sunday School ..... 10 am  
Sunday Morning Worship ..... 11 am  
Sunday Evening Worship ..... 6 pm  
Wednesday Bible Study ..... 7 pm

**Burning Bush Tabernacle**  
Pastor: Patricia Petrie - (989) 348-1278  
501 E. Michigan Ave., Grayling  
Sunday School ..... 10 am  
Sun. Service, Children's Church & Youth Service ..... 11 am  
Sunday Evening Service ..... 6 pm  
Monday Prayer Meeting ..... 7 pm  
Wednesday Service ..... 7 pm  
Friday Prayer Meeting ..... 7 pm  
(van transportation available)

**Community of Christ**  
Pastor: Ann Doty  
North Down River Rd. at  
1030 Glenn Rd. - (989) 348-9751  
Church School ..... 9:45 am  
Preaching ..... 11 am  
Midweek Service Prayer ..... 7 pm

**St. Mary's Roman Catholic Community**  
Pastor: Robert W. Nailey, J.V.  
Parish Office - 707 Spruce  
(989) 348-7657  
Saturday Evening Masses ..... 4:30 pm  
Sunday Masses ..... 10 am

**St. Francis Episcopal**  
Reverend: Elizabeth Cloze  
M-72 West - Office (989) 348-5850  
Morning Prayer Tue-Fri ..... 8:30 am  
Eucharist (Wed) ..... 8:30 am  
Sunday Holy Eucharist ..... 8:30 & 10:30 am

**Resurrection Life Center**  
Pastor: Bud & Debbie Mann  
Mail: 2640 M-72 West Grayling, MI 49738  
[reslifeccenter.com](mailto:reslifeccenter.com)  
Phone: (989) 348-1000  
Sunday Service ..... 10:30 am  
Midweek Services (Wed) ..... 7 pm  
E-mail: [reslife@reslifeccenter.com](mailto:reslife@reslifeccenter.com)

**Mt. Hope Lutheran Church (LCMS)**  
905 N. I-75 Bus. Loop  
(at junction of M-93 & Old 27)  
(989) 348-5921  
Saturday Evening Worship Service ..... 7 pm  
Sunday Worship Service ..... 10:30 am  
Sunday School ..... 9:15 am

**Calvary Baptist Church**  
Pastor: Dr. Robert Barnett  
M-72 West, Grayling - (989) 348-9220  
Sunday School ..... 9:45 am  
Morning Worship ..... 10:30 am  
Evening Worship ..... 6 pm  
Wednesday ..... 7 pm  
Prayer & Awana Club (Wed.) ..... 7 pm

**Church of Christ**  
Old US-27 at Skyline Rd. - (989) 275-8613  
In Search of the Lord's Way Sunday Mornings on TV 29 & 8 ..... 7:30 am  
Sunday Classes ..... 10 am  
Sunday Worship ..... 11 am  
Sunday Evening ..... 6 pm  
1st Sunday Evening of every month, there is no service  
Midweek Bible Study (Wed.) ..... 7 pm

**Abundant Life Tabernacle**  
Pastor: Lyle Studer  
211 Shellenbarger St. - (989) 348-5325  
Sunday School ..... 10 am  
Sunday Worship ..... 11 am & 6 pm  
Wednesday Evening ..... 7 pm

**Grayling Baptist Church**  
Affiliated with S.B.C.  
Pastor: John Scott  
705 Madison St., Grayling - (989) 348-2557  
Sunday School ..... 9:45 am  
Morning Worship ..... 11 am  
Evening Service ..... 6 pm  
Wednesday Service ..... 7 pm

**Bear Lake Christian**  
Pastor: David Rosenberg  
Associate Pastor: Scott Hoffer  
M-72 & East Bear Lake Rd.  
Sunday Church Service ..... 10 am - 6:30 pm  
Sunday School ..... 9 am  
Bible Study (Wed.) ..... 7 pm  
Youth Group 2nd & 4th Wed. ..... 6:30 pm

**Church Alive Church of God**  
Pastor: David Barker  
506 North Birch St., Kalkaska  
(231) 258-3448  
Sunday School ..... 10 am  
Worship Service ..... 11 am & 6 pm  
Family Training Hour & Prayer (Wednesday) ..... 7 pm

**St. Martin Ev. Lutheran (WEELS)**  
Pastor: Douglas Carter  
The Roscommon Community Center, 510 South St., Roscommon, MI  
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New phone number (989) 275-3070  
Sunday ..... 9 am

**Friendship Church**  
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Pastor: Rev. Dick Obeg  
415 Ohio North, Gaylord  
Sunday School ..... 9 am  
Morning Worship ..... 10 am  
Tue. Women's Bible Study ..... 10 am  
Wed. Men's Bible Study ..... Noon

**Grayling Valley Church of God**  
Pastor: Gary Thompson  
(989) 422-3464 - (989) 344-0883  
Meetings held at Ramada Inn  
Sunday Night Potluck ..... 5 pm  
Sunday Service ..... 6 pm

**The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints**  
President: David Stephenson  
600 North Elm Street, Gaylord  
Sacrament ..... 10 am  
Sunday School ..... 11 am  
Primary ..... 11 am  
Priesthood ..... Noon  
Relief Society ..... Noon

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## Recreation fees increased

For the first time in over a decade, recreation fees were raised on the Huron-Manistee National Forests. Effective Jan. 1, 2009, fee hikes occurred at 66 sites and fees were eliminated at three others. Recreation fees are collected for use of Forest Service campgrounds, picnic sites, boat access sites and trailheads. Annual recreation passes now cost \$30, or two for \$45 per household. Weekly passes increased to \$15 and daily passes increased to \$5.

Campsite fees range from \$10 to \$15 per night, according to site-specific developments and amenities. Each campsite fee covers two vehicles, eight people and two sleeping units. Group camping fees range from \$40 to \$100 per night, depending on group size.

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Kirtland's Warbler Guided Tours continue to be an international tourist attraction on the Huron National Forest, as the jack pine habitat in northern Michigan is the only place in the world where this endangered bird nests. Guided tours start and end at the Mio Ranger District Office for a fee of \$10 for adults, with children age 17 and under free.

Fees were increased to align national forest costs with those charged by private entities for similar recreation opportunities. Inflation, increased maintenance costs, additional amenities and/or greater capacity also led to the fee hikes.

The Huron-Manistee National Forests operate and maintain 174 developed recreation sites in

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In addition to passes issued by the Huron-Manistee National Forests, recreationists may obtain Interagency Passes which allow the cardholder and up to three accompanying passengers entry into a number of federally-managed recreational sites. Those who have attained 62 years of age are eligible for a senior pass for a onetime cost of \$10 which allows free day use and 50 percent discount off camping fees. Those with a qualifying permanent disability may be eligible to obtain an Access Interagency pass at no charge.

Recreation passes may be purchased by mail or in person at any of the five forest offices in Mio, Oscoda, Baldwin, Manistee or Cadillac.

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The Range 40 Complex, Air to Ground, located north of County Rd. 612, east of Guthrie Lake, south of Old State Rd. 618, and west of County Rd. F97 (Twin Bridge Rd.), Feb. 12 and Feb. 17-18.

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## Honors

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Nathan Lowe and Caralie Raymond, both of Grayling, were named to the Dean's List for the fall 2008 semester at Western Michigan University. Kelly Duncley of Frederic, Megan McLean, Benjamin Noack, Phillip Wachowiak and Adriane Ware, all of Roscommon, were also named to the Dean's List.

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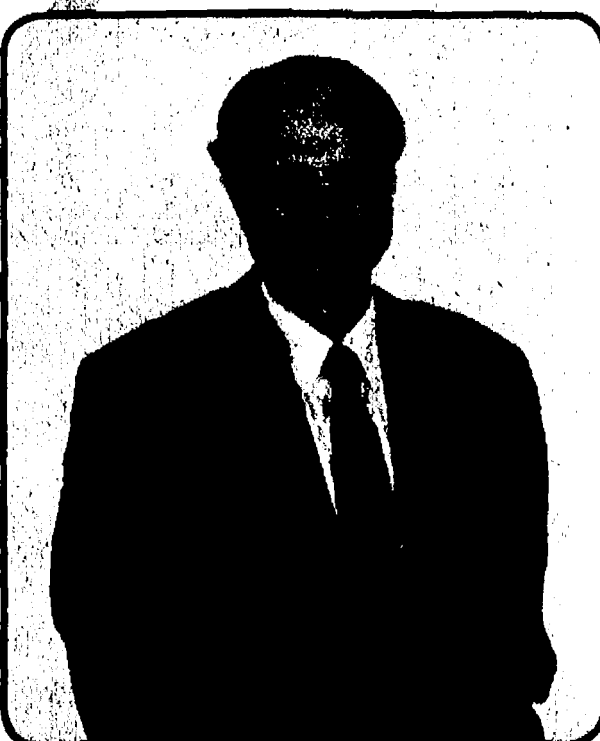
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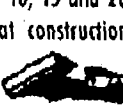
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Junior racer Jane Hinsenkamp pushes through the course during the Hanson Hills Classic 6K on Sunday. She finished first in the women's age 13-15 division. The Hanson Hills Classic followed the Michigan Cup Marathon, which drew around 200 skiers.

# Michigan Cup Marathon draws hundreds of skiers

by Matt Seager  
Staff Writer

Not all famous Grayling marathon events involve canoes. The annual Michigan Cup Marathon cross country ski race took place last Saturday at Hanson Hills, drawing around 200 racers from throughout the state.

The event was followed by the Hanson Hills Classic on Sunday, making for a full weekend of Nordic competition.

Competitor Frank Rynalski made the drive from Bay City for the race. He said that the unusually warm weekend weather made for a good cross country skiing experience.

"It was nice to have something that wasn't below zero for once," Rynalski said. "I was happy, all things con-

sidered."

Hanson Hills Director Justin Andre reported that, in addition to the approximately 200 Michigan Cup Marathon racers, 88 skiers competed in the Hanson Hills Classic.

Both races also featured a shortened "junior" race for school-age skiers. Several kids and young adults participated in these races as well.

Andre believes that Hanson Hills has earned a reputation for hosting good cross country ski events.

"We have a good trail system and good grooming," he said.

Although there are a handful of well-established teams that participate in the event annually, there didn't seem to be any major upsets.

"All the teams did really well this weekend," Andre

said.

The overall winner of the 28K Men's Michigan Cup Marathon was David Maclean with a time of 1:18:58.

The winner of the Women's 13K Michigan Cup Marathon was Amy Wichern with a time of 46:02.

Ryan Harris was the fastest male in the 19-under division with a time of 1:50:11.

Ryan Halstead won the 20-29 male division with a time of 1:20:58. The fastest 20-29 female was Catarina Gullede with a time of 53:09.

Andy Weddle was the fastest 30-39 male with a time of 1:20:31. The 30-39 female winner was Kellie Kirk at 52:32.

Jim Harrington won the 40-49 men's division at

1:20:32. Susan Vigland was the top woman in this age category with a time of 46:53.

In the 50-59 age group, Cliff Onthank won for the men with a time of 1:23:36. The women's winner was Tracy Hardin at 48:35.

The fastest man in the 60-69 age division was Chris Jones with a time of 1:32:13.

In the 70-79 age category, the fastest male was William Matson with a time of 2:20:01 and the fastest female was Beth Caldwell at 1:18:50.

The overall winner of the Hanson Hills Classic Men's & Women's 13K was Denny Paull with a finishing time of 40:52. The fastest woman was Tracy Hardin with a time of 49:53.

For complete race results, visit [www.hansonhills.org](http://www.hansonhills.org).

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dents, one non-traffic accident, one parking violation, one hazardous condition, three accidents-all other, one family trouble-domestic and three suspicious situations.

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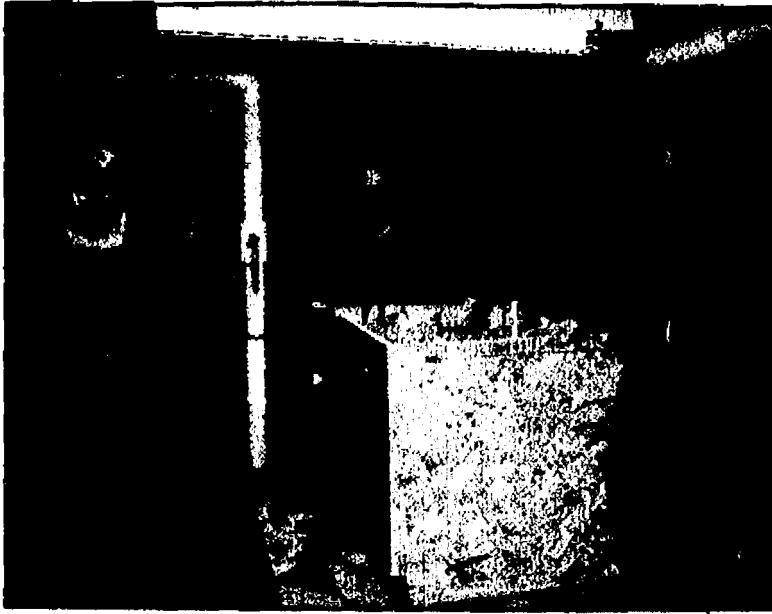
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## Woodworkers build for charity



The Ogemaw County Woodworkers Club donated their time and talents to build and install storage units, shoe racks and cabinets for River House Shelter. River House Inc. is a domestic and sexual violence agency for women and children that serves Crawford, Ogemaw, Oscoda and Roscommon Counties. Pictured (from left to right) are Don Card, Alan Irvine, David Rice, Dick Perillo and Dave Reasoner.

## AuSable Primary School receives grant

Jessica Barth, a teacher at AuSable Primary School, received a \$900 mini-grant from the MEEMIC Foundation for the Future of Education. Barth petitioned the foundation to underwrite the cost of purchasing two Classmate personal computers.

"My top priority is to teach first graders to read and there are several ingredients that go into creating a successful reader," said Barth. "One important component is fluency. I help my students to become more fluent by having them listen to me read or listen to books on tape. As a result of the MEEMIC Foundation mini-grant, I'll be able to take our listening centers to the next level by giving the students access to Classmate PCs with wireless internet connectivity. Classmate computers are designed with smaller keyboards for first grade hands. I'll also purchase a school subscription to TumbleBooks, which is a Web site that features online story books which highlight and read words aloud to you."

Local MEEMIC Insurance Agent, Bernie Nieman of the Nieman Insurance Agency located in Gaylord, helped to make Grayling area teachers aware of the MEEMIC mini-grant program by distributing applications in their schools.

"Our agency is so happy that we were able to help Jessica move closer to her goal of enhancing the reading program for her students," said Nieman. "We know that especially in today's economy, it's important that teachers are able to find funding for special programs and it's been our pleasure to help."

The MEEMIC Foundation for the Future of Education was founded in 1992 by MEEMIC Insurance Company as a means of giving back to the educational community. The Foundation offers mini-grants up to \$2,500 for innovative programs that enhance current curriculum.

For more information about the MEEMIC Foundation, visit [www.meemic.com](http://www.meemic.com).

## Honors

### Michigan State University

Reid Holzbauer, James Jansen and Terry Rankin, all from Grayling, earned positions on the Dean's List at Michigan State University for the fall 2008 semester.

Students named to the Dean's List must earn a 3.5 or better GPA.

## Two seats open on Kirtland board

Potential candidates for the Kirtland Community College Board of Trustees will be competing for two seats in an upcoming election on Tuesday, May 5. But those seeking to join the KCC board must first complete the tasks necessary to get their name on the ballot, as an important deadline looms ahead.

The cut-off to file nominating petitions or to pay an optional \$100 filing fee is 4 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 10. Persons considering running for a board position may pick up nominating petitions at either the Roscommon County Clerk's office or at the president's office on Kirtland's main campus near Roscommon.

The number of signatures needed to have a candidate placed on the ballot may vary from 50 to 200, and must be signatures of registered voters from within the college's tax district that includes Crawford, Oscoda, Ogemaw and Roscommon counties, as well as portions of Alcona, Gladwin, Kalkaska, Missaukee and Otsego counties.

"Candidates who elect to pay the optional \$100 filing fee are not required to secure voter signatures," said Kathy Koch, administrative assistant to the president at KCC.

Filing the nominating petitions or payment of the optional filing fee must be completed at the Roscommon County Clerk's office, located in the Roscommon County Courthouse in downtown Roscommon, even if the candidates are from other counties within Kirtland's tax district.

"Everything is being handled by the (Roscommon) county clerk's office," Koch added.

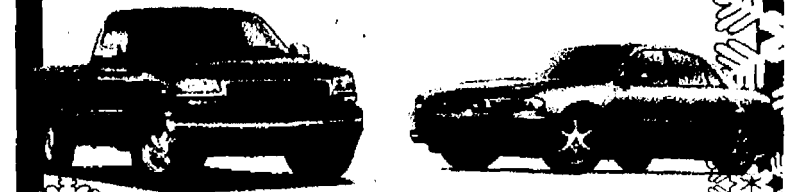
The two seats on the KCC board that are up for election include trustee positions currently held by longtime board members Roy Spangler of Roscommon, currently the board's chairman, and Sally Galer of Mio. Both seats are for six-year terms expiring June 30, 2015.

Regular meetings of the KCC Board of Trustees are held on the third Thursday of each month at 7 p.m., except in June, when the meeting is scheduled for

the second Thursday of the month. Board members are not compensated for their time, but they are reimbursed for any expenses associated with their duties, such as mileage.

For more information, contact Koch by calling 989-275-5000, extension 253, or via e-mail at [kochk@kirtland.edu](mailto:kochk@kirtland.edu). Details about the KCC Board of Trustees, including information on individual board members, may be viewed online at [www.kirtland.edu/board](http://www.kirtland.edu/board).

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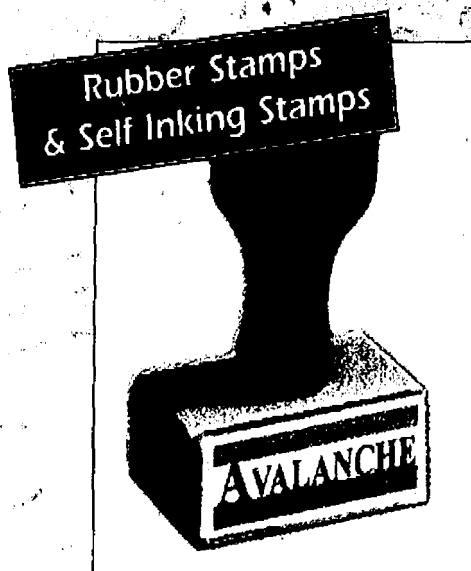
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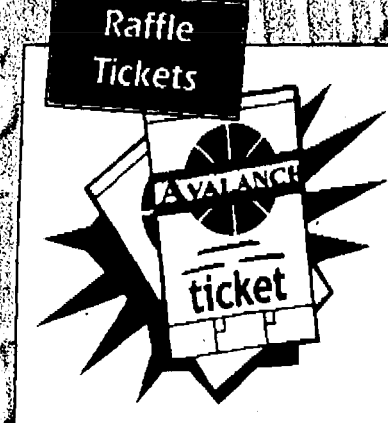
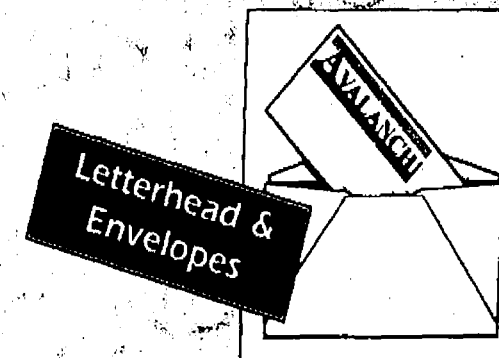
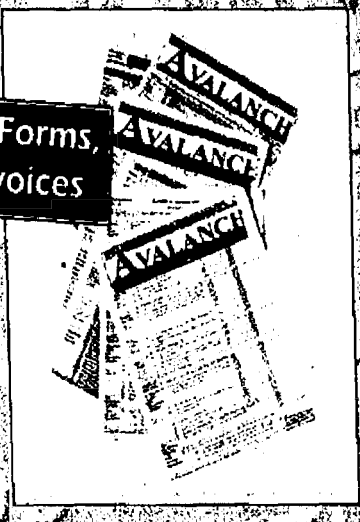
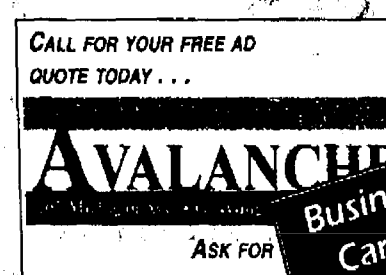
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## Environmental project in Northern Michigan holds promise for energy future

by Andy Balaskovitz  
 Capital News Service

More than 3,000 feet below ground in Gaylord, scientists hope to find solutions to America's energy dilemma.

Last year they injected 10,000 metric tons of carbon dioxide (CO2) into an underground geological feature called a saline formation to see if it will stay there forever, out of the atmosphere where it contributes to global warming.

It's the largest CO2 injection by that method in the Midwest and will serve as a basis for similar projects, said Lynn Brickett, project manager for the National Energy Technology Laboratory, a branch of the Department of Energy (DOE) in Pittsburgh.

The method has implications for other Michigan projects, including a planned coal plant in Holland.

Initial results are promising, Brickett said, and the DOE wants to inject another 50,000 tons.

"So far there is no CO2 at the surface. It's moving throughout the reservoir consistent with what our models predicted," she said. "That's terrific."

The biggest concern with capturing CO2 is that it might escape underground and reach the surface, where in large quantities it could pose a health risk to humans, Brickett said.

But in Michigan, station-

ary sources like coal-fired power plants emit about 100 million tons annually. With eight such plants in the application process, the state stands to benefit significantly from leading in carbon capture technology, she said.

"Cautiously, we're looking at about 40 billion tons worth of capacity. If we can get 100 million tons per year underground, that's 400 years' worth of storage," said David Barnes, a geologist at Western Michigan University and contributor to the DOE's studies in Gaylord.

"That's a lot. Certainly Michigan is unique for the Midwest region."

Michigan is part of the Midwest Regional Carbon Sequestration Partnership, a consortium of businesses, public agencies and universities that tests carbon capture in the region.

Federal funding for the Midwest has topped \$100 million in the past five years, and last November the consortium received a \$61 million grant for further carbon capture exploration.

West Michigan in particular has geological formations crucial for capturing carbon, according to Barnes.

Carbon capture and storage takes advantage of underground depositories like oil and gas reservoirs, coal seams and empty saline reservoirs that once stored, crude oil, natural gas, brine and CO2 over millions of years.

Beyond slowing climate change, pumping CO2 underground can have other fringe benefits, experts say.

For example, the enhanced oil recovery method injects CO2 into the ground to force out natural gas and oil that might otherwise be too costly to reach. The recovered gas

and oil can be used or sold, while the CO2 stays underground.

Traverse City-based Core Energy, the only company east of the Mississippi River, using the method, said Robert Mannes, its president.

Despite its potential benefits, carbon capture isn't used on a commercial and national scale, due in part to safety, scale and cost concerns.

And if it's a part of America's future, then so is coal.

Most environmentalists call coal an outdated energy source and argue that the nation must turn its attention to alternative fuels instead.

"Unless we change direction now and end the coal rush, Michigan will stand alone while the rest of the nation moves away from coal, creates renewable energy jobs and joins the fight against global warming," said Cyndi Roper, executive director of the state chapter of Clean Water Action.

Other environmentalists worry that if large amounts of CO2 were to spread through groundwater or reach the surface, the businesses responsible wouldn't be liable under current regulations.

"Companies who would like to employ this technology would not take on this liability," said Tremaine Phillips, energy program associate for the Michigan Environmental Council. "We're opposed to that. Someone has to keep an eye on the sites."

But whatever the risks of storing carbon underground, all options must stay on the table in deciding the state's energy future, according to Phillips.

"We'd like to say 'let's move policies away from

coal all together,' but we also know carbon capture has to be a part of the solution if it works," he said.

Barnes, of Western Michigan University, agreed that while alternative energy is important for America's future, coal-powered energy can't be simply abandoned.

"Carbon capture gives us some confidence in a smooth transition into alternative fuels," he said, calling it unfeasible to get rid of coal all at once.

Constructing coal plants or retrofitting old ones so they can capture carbon dioxide will prove expensive, a price that may be passed on to consumers.

But that might be a cold, hard truth of the future, across all types of energy, said Jeff Holyfield, director of news and information for Consumers Energy in Jackson.

"The simple fact is, whatever system is derived or policy is put in place to deal with CO2, customers will bear the cost in the end," he said. "Our first priority is to provide a reliable supply of energy at an affordable price."

President Barack Obama has shown support for carbon capture and keeping coal in America's energy future.

In Lansing last August, he said, "We'll invest in technology that will allow us to use more coal, America's most abundant energy source, with the goal of creating five first-of-a-kind coal-fired demonstration plants with carbon capture and sequestration."

Experts say it could be 20 years before widespread carbon capture is in place and its goal of mitigating climate change is in reach.

But if carbon capture has a future in America, they add, it must happen now.

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## Community collaboration for kids



AFT union members from the Crawford AuSable School District collected non-perishable items for Marianne Gosnell, Christian Help Center Director, as their payment for a professional development evening facilitated by Linda Cronk, MSU Extension Director. The training focused on awareness and strategies for students and families with limited resources. Shown here (back row left to right) Mark Whitaker, John Gantner, Cheryl Boylan; (front row left to right) Linda Cronk, Karyn Rauch-Smock, Marianne Gosnell, Brenda Tuskan, Karen Leslie, Vickie Lohr, Gina Brunskill, Jenny Hetfield, Karen Coe and Shelley Springer.

## Grayling musher offers dogsled tours to help bring in business

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the Iditarod, with hopes of having a couple of his own dogs join the team.

After a couple of months at the kennel, the couple was not bringing in enough money, due to a lack of tourism, and became aware of some unforeseen expenses for the Iditarod.

"Up there, you're six to eight hours away from everything and it's hard to run a business," Riley said.

After returning to Grayling in December, Riley put his plans to race in the Iditarod on the back burner in order to save their home and keep their vehicles.

"We figured it would be better to take a few years, try and rebuild and take it a little slower," Riley said.

Riley added that he would be more comfortable racing his own dogs. He said six of his 10 dogs trained to be part of the sled team that could have competed in the Iditarod.

"I didn't want to push the dogs and I didn't think it would be fair to them," Riley said. "I can wait a few years, do it on my own and I'm much happier being home."

Instead of packing and planning for the Iditarod, Riley is substitute teaching for schools in Crawford, Roscommon, Oscoda and Ogemaw counties. He is considering going to Central Michigan University to earn his teaching certificate in hopes of landing a full-time position as a biology instructor.

In addition, Riley is also offering dogsled tours to people on the property he trains on.

"Last year, we did a half dozen tours just to pay the dog food bill," Riley said. "This year, we've opened it right up."

The dogsled tours last around four hours. They start with getting familiar with the dog kennel, the dogs and the dogsled. The 10-mile excursion out on the trails takes from an hour to an hour and a half. He allows adults and teens a chance to drive the dog sled, but children under 14-years-old have to ride in the basket. The tours finish with cookies, hot chocolate and photographs.

Riley said he recently took his neighbor Sandy Crandall on a dogsled tour.

"It's nice to have them over and they can see what all the howling is about in

the morning and they can see what's going on," he said.

He also recently had a German exchange student and an 85-year-old woman behind the controls of the sled. Riley said moments like that help him reminisce about the first time he drove a dogsled.

"She had the time of her life," Riley said. "We take it for granted because it's something that we do every day."

The tours cost \$150 for the first adult, \$100 for a second adult and \$75 for children under 14.

Riley has networked with Cheri Hunter, an owner of Borchers AuSable Canoe Livery and Bed and Breakfast where he works during the summer, to promote the tours. He is also working hand-in-hand with Ilene Geiss-Wilson, the director of the Grayling Visitors Bureau, to offer the Grayling winter activity on tourism based web sites.

Riley and Michele came to the Grayling area as youngsters and want to continue to call Grayling their home. They want to do their small part to help other struggling businesses keep their doors open.

"This is where I wanted to live," Riley said. "I was lucky to get a job here. Even though I don't have a regular job now, I will do what it takes to stay in Grayling."

Riley participated in a dogsled race in Minnesota in January, took first place in the purebred class and placed ninth overall.

"A lot of people dropped out because it was so cold, but I think we did pretty well," Riley said.

Michele, Tim, and Tim's

brother Danny Riley, also plan on competing in Lost Creek Sky Ranch Lodge's Sleddog Race in Luzerne this weekend, Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 7-8.

Finally, one of the Riley's female huskies, "Wanda," is

due to have a litter of puppies this month.

"Those puppies will be my Iditarod dogs if everything goes right and I can work them into the team in a few years," Riley said.



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Recent statistics point out that up to 73 percent of children use too much toothpaste. A pea-size amount of toothpaste is optimal since large amounts create foam and make it difficult for children to brush. Also, children should be taught to spit out toothpaste because habitually swallowing it can lead to a

condition known as fluorosis in which spots caused by too much fluoride may appear on their teeth.

Brushing too hard can push the gums up and pose problems in preventing tooth decay. Since tooth decay occurs faster in children, parents need to take precautions to protect their youngsters' beautiful smiles.

Parents should also remember to put mouthwashes in a safe place. Children are easily attracted to minty smells and colorful mouthwash. The alcohol in mouthwashes can be harmful to children.

By playing a positive, active role in children's tooth brushing, parents are encouraging children to learn good habits and maintain good dental hygiene. To make the experience enjoyable, here are some tips:

- Place a proper "step-up stand" that allows the child to look over the sink counter.
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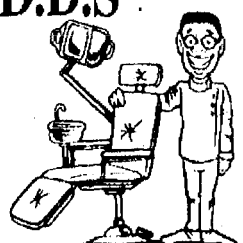
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# Serving Irving McIsaac leaves legacy to follow in Grayling

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In retirement, McIsaac became a volunteer at Mercy Hospital Grayling. Seeing his knack for brightening people's days with his quick wit, the Sisters of Mercy offered McIsaac a paid position as a nurse's aide. He served at the hospital for about 20 years.

"He lit up a lot of people's faces and made a lot of people laugh and was always very 'helpful,'" said Walt Neilson, maintenance team leader at Mercy Hospital Grayling.

Marie McIsaac-Harland said her father was known as the "hospital jester."

"He got paid to tell jokes," she said.

McIsaac is perhaps best known for being a founder of the Grayling Youth Booster Club along with Tom St. Germain, Dick Auman and Jerry Bendig.

The organization was founded in 1970 to send the Grayling High School team to a basketball camp at Northern Michigan University.

The men approached the late John Alef, then president of the Grayling State Bank, for funding. Without hesitation, Alef wrote the organization a \$2,000 check, which was paid back in a couple of weeks from the sale of 50/50 tickets.

The tickets are still sold today as the main means of raising funds for Booster projects.

Tom St. Germain, a Grayling High School basketball coach, said he first met McIsaac when he was a spectator at his son Dan McIsaac's basketball games.

"When Irv was there, there was a lot of hollering," St. Germain said. "He was well liked."

St. Germain said McIsaac was just the person needed to get the Grayling Youth Booster Club rolling.

"He was a good talker and we needed a couple of guys like that to get started," St. Germain said.

Jim Tobin was the first member of the Grayling High School basketball team to benefit from McIsaac's efforts.

"He was the man in our community," Tobin said. "Irv was very passionate about Grayling sports."

Years later, Tobin joined McIsaac on the Grayling Youth Booster Club board. He said McIsaac, known as "Serving Irving," served as an ambassador for Grayling and a role model for youth and other adults long before other communities founded similar organizations.

"We were just so blessed to have him here," Tobin said.

Virtually every sports field and playground in Crawford County has been supported by Grayling Youth Booster Club funds. Over the years, the Booster Club branched out to support other activities that are not carried out on ball fields and ball courts.

Jerry St. Germain, a past Grayling Youth Booster Club president, said it was a joy to be around McIsaac.

"He was a great jokester and loved telling stories," Jerry St. Germain said.

St. Germain said McIsaac single-handedly raised over \$100,000 for Grayling Youth Booster Club causes

over the years. The overall organization has poured more than \$1 million into Grayling Little League Ball fields at the Crawford County Sports Complex, sports fields at Hanson Hills and other playgrounds and activities. One of the Grayling Little League fields is named McIsaac Field in his honor.

During the mid-1980s, Jerry St. Germain said that McIsaac gave him a copy of the *Los Angeles Times*, which had an article listing Crawford County as one of the top 10 communities in the nation for nonprofit fund-raising per capita.

St. Germain said he and McIsaac were also proud to be recognized for that contribution.

"Without Irv McIsaac, the Booster Club wouldn't have been started," Jerry said. "He was just one of the guys who was always giving his time for the betterment of the community. He will be sorely missed."

John Alef II, the current president of Citizen's Bank in Grayling, said McIsaac had a higher calling to cheer people up and support the youth of Grayling. Alef said he attended his first Grayling Youth Booster Club meeting upon McIsaac's invitation and was elected to serve as treasurer, a position he held for 13 years.

"He was just absolutely tireless for kids," Alef said. "That Booster Club was his passion."

McIsaac was recognized by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan with an Angel Award for his work with the Grayling Youth Booster Club.

McIsaac was also a fixture at the Grayling Country Club, serving as secretary of the men's golf leagues for several years.

Chris Zuiker, general manager for the Grayling Country Club, said McIsaac's presence will be missed.

"He always made you smile when you were there, and even in death he makes you smile when you remember all the funny things he told you," Zuiker said.

The Irv McIsaac Golf Open was established in 2007 to raise funds for golf scholarships given to Grayling High School student athletes in his honor. In addition, the seventh hole at the Grayling Country Club, where McIsaac scored a hole-in-one, was dedicated in his honor.

Zuiker said McIsaac's efforts have probably had an impact on everybody under 45-years-old in Grayling.

"That's quite a statement," Zuiker said.

John Jones, president of the Grayling Rotary Club, said McIsaac was also a mainstay for that organization. Jones took McIsaac to Sunday mass at St. Mary's Church and invited him over for family dinners. With his cadre of jokes, Jones said he could always count on McIsaac for the Grayling Rotary Club's annual minstrel Show.

"He had a joke for everything and I mean he had thousands of jokes," Jones said. "He was always the biggest part of the minstrel show."

McIsaac served as grand marshal for Grayling's AuSable River Parade in 2008.

Daughter Marie McIsaac-Harland said she attempted to convince her father to come to Florida, where she lives, for the winter. She said his stubbornness and love for Grayling won out, and he never felt comfortable traveling to Florida without his beloved wife, Eleanor, who died in 2005.

"I was trying to get him away for the winter, but he didn't want to leave his friends in Grayling," Marie said. "Grayling was his town, he did a lot of things in this town and I know he will be missed."

## Senior Citizen News

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This week's menu (lunch/dinner) and activities:

Friday, Feb. 6 - Lunch-baked meat loaf, whole potatoes, green beans and a

banana. No Dinner. 10 a.m. Tone and Tubes, 1 p.m. Pantry Bingo.

Monday, Feb. 9 - Lunch - beef goulash, corn, cauliflower and mixed fruit. Dinner - swiss steak, boiled potatoes, green beans and plums. 1 p.m. Bridge.

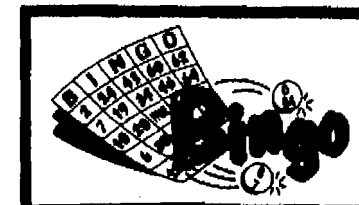
Tuesday, Feb. 10 - Lunch - baked ham with apple glaze, baked beans, coleslaw and pineapple.

Dinner - chicken and dumplings, cauliflower, beets and mandarin oranges. 10 a.m. Tone and Tubes and Bible Study, 12:30 p.m. Euchre, 4 p.m. - 5 p.m. blood pressure/sugar checks.

Wednesday, Feb. 11 - Lunch - barbecue chicken breast, stuffing, mixed vegetables, sliced carrots and an orange. Birthday Dinner - roasted turkey with stuffing, boiled potatoes, winter blend vegetables, apple-sauce and cake and ice cream. 11:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Rummage Sale, 1 p.m. pool league, 5 p.m. Birthday Dinner, 5:30 p.m. Cardo.

Thursday, Feb. 12 - Lunch - Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes with gravy, wax beans and peaches. Dinner - lasagna, broccoli, cauliflower and oranges and grapefruit. 10 a.m. craft class, 12:30 p.m. Cops and Seniors Initiative Meeting, Valentine Tea Trip, 2 p.m. UNO Attack, 3:30 p.m. Wii Bowling.

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Matt Townsend (215), left, wrestles against Gaylord on Thursday. Joe White (119), right, lifts a Boyne City opponent on Thursday night.



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## Wrestling team continues league dominance with 66-12 win vs. BC Vikings defeat Ramblers, Blue Devils on Thursday

by Caleb Casey  
Senior Staff Writer

The Grayling High School wrestling team continued its conference dominance this year with a 66-12 victory vs. Boyne City in a three-team meet held at GHS last Thursday. The Vikings also defeated the

Gaylord Blue Devils 45-31 in a nonconference match on Thursday night.

Gaylord and Boyne City wrestled in the first match of the evening. The Blue Devils won 42-30.

Grayling then wrestled against Boyne City in the team's eighth Lake Michigan

Conference match of the season.

The Ramblers won the first weight class (152) with a second round pin. Boyne City scored a pin in the first round of the second weight class (160) to lead 12-0.

The Vikings won the next 12 weight classes. Shane Grove

(171) won a 6-5 decision. Joey Contreras (189) won by default. Matt Townsend (215) pinned his Boyne City opponent in the first round. Kyle Peters (heavyweight) also scored a first round pin.

Jerry Bergey (103), Cody Elmy (112), and Jacob Ervin

See **WRESTLING** | 4B



Kyle Peters (heavyweight), left, battles a Gaylord opponent on Thursday night. Josh Moggo (140), right, grapples with a Boyne City wrestler during last week's meet at Grayling High School.



## 12 Vikings score in 76-23 victory at Harrison

Varsity boys basketball team wins one, loses two in three-game week

The GHS varsity boys basketball team – a squad that played three games last week – won 76-23 at Harrison but lost to Traverse City St. Francis and Boyne City.

The Vikings opened the week with a 76-23 victory at Harrison – a game in which 12 Grayling players scored points – on Monday night.

"Our team jumped off to a fast start and played solid defense all night long. I was very pleased with the unselfishness that our kids displayed on both ends of the court," Coach Rich Moffit said.

See **12 VIKINGS** | 5B



Photo by Caleb Casey

Eric Ferrigan handles the ball for GHS on Wednesday.



Carlie Money dribbles the ball for the Vikings on Tuesday night.

## 10-2 fourth quarter run leads Grayling past Kalkaska

JV girls defeat Blazers 35-33

A 10-2 run to start the fourth quarter helped lead the Grayling Vikings past the visiting Kalkaska Blazers during last Tuesday's junior varsity girls basketball contest.

Grayling trailed 11-9 after one quarter. The Blazers had a 23-15 advantage at halftime. The Vikings outscored Kalkaska

9-2 in the third period and trailed by one, 25-23, going into the fourth quarter.

An inside shot by Ashley Jensen gave the Vikings a 26-25 edge. Kalkaska scored an inside shot to retake the lead. Two free throws by Jamie Denton put the Vikings ahead by one with 5:36 left in regulation.

See **10-2 FOURTH** | 3B

## 11 players score in JV squad's 66-33 win at Harrison

Boys basketball team wins 70-58 at Boyne City

Eleven different Grayling players scored points during last Monday's 66-33 JV boys basketball victory at Harrison.

"This was a great win for the team, because everyone scored and no one scored 10

points or higher. We really did a nice job sharing the basketball," Coach Chris Kucharek said.

Leading scorers for the Vikings were: Jake Helsel (9), Zane Tobin (9), Ethan Lewis (8), Thomas Burrell

(8), Josh McBride (8), Jensen Aubry (7), Brent Steffey (6), Riley Zigila (5), Griffin Dean (2), Adam Kuszak (2), Robbie Wilson (2).

"We brought two extra freshmen with us to give

them some JV experience and both Josh McBride and Thomas Burrell played extremely well at the JV level. Adam Kuszak and Brent Steffey played well for us on both offense and

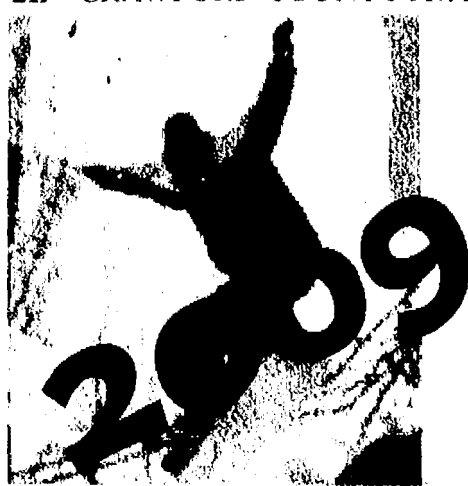
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Riley Zigila, left, and Zane Tobin, right, control the ball for Grayling during last Wednesday's game against Traverse City St. Francis.



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## 10-2 fourth quarter run leads Grayling past Kalkaska

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A jump shot by Hali Miller gave Grayling a three-point lead.

At the 2:44 mark, the Blazers were called for a foul and a technical foul. Carlie Money, who was fouled on the play, hit both free throws. She also scored both of the free throws that resulted from the technical.

Grayling, with its 10-2 run to start the fourth period, led 34-27.

Kalkaska scored five points in the final 14 seconds, but Grayling held on for a 35-33 victory.

"This was a great win for the team. Coming off two tough losses, it was nice to get back into the win column. Going into the game we had to adjust a lot because we were missing our point guard, Shalee Miller, to the flu. We have lost several girls in the last week and the girls did a great job of stepping up their game to compete with a team that pressed all game and had some good outside shooters," Coach Craig Hofman said.

"We played a very good first quarter. We gave up 23 points in the first half and yet I felt we played excellent defense, except for a few occasions, and that was Kalkaska's shooting ability," Coach Hofman said. "We talked about getting to the ball. We played different zone defenses, which can be bad against good outside shooting teams, but the

girls picked up their intensity and we were in the face of the shooter the entire second half, and that made the difference. Our defensive pressure and lack of turnovers versus their trapping press allowed us to slowly climb back into the game with lay-ups and free throws."

"Carlie Money hit four free throws in a row to put us up for good in the fourth quarter with about three minutes left. We made a turnover and some silly fouls at the end to allow Kalkaska to get closer, but the girls finished the game," Coach Hofman said.

Ann Hamlin finished the contest with a double-double - 20 points and 20 rebounds. She also had three assists. Jensen had six points, 11 rebounds, and two assists. Money had five points (all in the fourth quarter), three rebounds, three steals, and one assist. H. Miller had two points, eight rebounds, and one assist.

"Ann Hamlin really put on a show and has really improved her offensive game. Ann had 20 points and was 4 for 8 from the line. Ann also added 20 rebounds to complete the double-double. Ashley Jensen did a great defensive job with 11 boards. Freshman Jamie Denton played a great game at point guard. Jamie only turned the ball over six times. Considering the pressure she was under all game, that



Photo by Caleb Casey

**Hali Miller shoots the ball for Grayling on Tuesday night vs. Kalkaska.**

was effective for us. Carlie and Rebecca Money both did an outstanding job on defensive pressure and offensively working the ball down the floor and finding the open player. I saw great improvement in both of them throughout the game. Hali Miller also had a solid effort with eight rebounds, two points, and some blocked shots," Coach Hofman said.

On Thursday night, the Vikings lost 46-14 at Traverse City St. Francis.

"We need to come out and play a lot better in the first quarter on the road. We struggled against their press because the girls did not execute what we have practiced all year. We don't seem prepared to play right

away on the road - especially in the last three road games. We could not seem to hold on to the ball, whether it was rebounds or passes. We did not run plays the right way. We were not mentally prepared and that is my fault. We also missed a lot of shots that we need to make against a good quality team like St. Francis. I thought our defense was solid and we did not give up too many fast break points," Coach Hofman said.

Leading scorers for GHS were: Shalee Miller, 4 points; Haley Wiseman, 4 points; Denton, 3 points; Hamlin, 2 points; Chloe Harwood, 1 point.

The Vikings (4-9 overall) will host Charlevoix on Thursday, Feb. 5, at 6 p.m.

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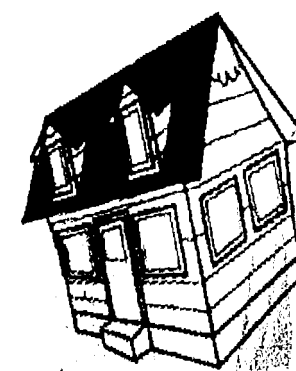


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## 11 players score in JV squad's 66-33 win at Harrison

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defense," Coach Kucharek said.

On Wednesday, the Vikings lost a home game vs. Traverse City St. Francis by a final score of 53-50.

Grayling got off to a strong start and led 18-9 after one quarter. The Vikings led by five, 26-21, at halftime. Grayling took a one-point edge, 41-40, into the fourth period.

Zigila scored a lay-up to give Grayling a 43-40 lead early in the fourth quarter. Traverse City St. Francis scored on a drive to pull back within one. A three-pointer by Tobin gave the Vikings a four-point advantage. TCSF drove to the basket for two points. A put-back by Dean at the 5:01 mark gave GHS a four-point lead.

The Gladiators scored the next three baskets to lead by two, 50-48. At the 2:14 mark,

Zigila drove to the basket for two points, tying the game at 50-50. Traverse City St. Francis scored a lay-up at the 0:59 mark to lead by two.

The Gladiators stole the ball and killed time off of the clock. Traverse City St. Francis turned the ball over with a travelling violation, giving Grayling possession with 23.9 seconds remaining.

The Gladiators deflected a Grayling pass and saved the ball from going out of bounds. Grayling fouled to stop the clock. Traverse City St. Francis hit one of two free throws. The Gladiators led by three with seven seconds left in the game. Grayling got the ball in bounds and across half court. The Vikings called a timeout, leaving 4.9 seconds on the clock. Grayling got the ball in bounds, but failed to get a shot off in the final seconds. TCSF won 53-50.

"We played too hard to lose this game. This is the best game this team has played to this point in the season. We deserved to win, but I will take the blame for the three-point loss," Coach Kucharek said.

Leading scorers for GHS were: Tobin, 19 points; Zigila, 10 points, 7 steals; Helsel, 8 points; Lewis, 7 points; Dean, 4 points, 8 rebounds.

On Friday night, the Vikings outscored the Boyne City Ramblers 35-25 in the second half to win by a final score of 70-58. The contest was played at Boyne City.

Leading scorers for the Vikings included: Helsel, 17 points, 11 rebounds; Tobin, 17 points; Lewis, 13 points, 4 rebounds; Aubry, 11 points, 8 rebounds; Zigila, 8 points, 5 assists.

"Turnovers were the key to this game early on. Once we

started to slow down on offense, we took control of the game," Coach Kucharek said. "Jake Helsel played his best game of the year on both the offensive and defensive end of the floor. Jensen Aubry had a very well rounded game with 11 points and eight rebounds, but also took it upon himself to guard one of Boyne City's best players."

The Vikings (6-4 overall, 3-4 league) will host Charlevoix on Thursday, Feb. 5.

## GMS Girls Basketball

**8th grade** - Grayling Middle School's 8th grade girls basketball squad lost to Traverse City St. Elizabeth and Elk Rapids last week.

On Monday night, the Vikings lost 29-12 at Traverse City.

Leading scorers for Grayling were: Jo Hamlin, 6 points; Alyssa Morley, 2 points, 1 rebound, 1 assist, 2 steals; Caitlin Prosser, 2 points, 2 blocks, 2 steals; Danielle Dami, 2 points, 4 rebounds, 2 steals; Hannah Haven, 1 assist, 3 steals; Stanna Dorn, 1 block, 1 assist, 1 steal; Shanley Dorn, 1 rebound.

"The girls fought hard against a tough team in Traverse City. We learned some things tonight about how to play against a bigger and faster team. (Traverse City) jumped out to a six-point lead in the first quarter (10-4), but then we played almost even with them in the second, finishing the half at 17-8. Traverse (City) came out well in the third quarter, outscoring us by eight, but then we played even with them in the fourth. There are positive aspects that we can take away from this game and build on for the rematch with St. Elizabeth toward the end of the season," Coach Sarah McGuire said.

On Thursday, Grayling lost a home game vs. Elk Rapids by a final score of 26-13.

Grayling's leading scorers were: Shanley Dorn, 5 points, 1 rebound, 1 block; Dami, 2 points, 2 rebounds; Haven, 2 points, 1 rebound; Morley, 2 points; Hamlin, 1 point, 6 rebounds, 1 assist; Prosser, 6 rebounds, 2 steals; Maddie Benardo, 1 rebound; Carly Dunkley, 1 rebound.

"We played well against another bigger, faster team tonight. Our defense was tough to beat and after Elk Rapids scored a few quick easy baskets to jump out to an early lead, they only scored two points in the paint the rest of the game. We outrebounded them with hustle and position despite their size. They put in some nice outside shots and our shots were just not falling tonight. We ran our offense and got some nice looks at the basket, but just didn't put the points on the board to make it a closer game," Coach McGuire said.

**7th grade** - The GMS 7th grade girls basketball team lost 22-13 at Traverse City St. Elizabeth.

"(Traverse City) was a little faster than the first two teams we played and played tough defense. It was an

important lesson in adversity, because we only had seven girls for the game and we learned that no matter what, you go out and play hard and see what happens. I was proud of the girls for their effort," Coach Doug Pummell said.

Leading scorers for the Vikings were: Tara Pummell (10), Natalie Woodley (2), Colbie Wakely (1).

On Thursday night, the Vikings lost by two points, 19-17, in a home game vs. Elk Rapids.

Grayling led 12-5 at halftime. The Elks outscored Grayling 10-1 in the third period to lead 15-13 going into the fourth quarter.

"The defense was very strong, which led to the scoring opportunities. Top defenders were Cierra Prosser, Emily Leslie, and Tara Pummell. Elk Rapids got some easy baskets in the third quarter," Coach Pummell said. "The physical effort has been there every game, but we need to learn more about the game of basketball, which we will do."

Leading scorers for GMS were: Marilyn Jankowski (4), Makayla Cragg (4), Victoria Doster (4), Prosser (2), Pummell (2), Wakely (1).

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Shane Grove (171), left, and Olivia Peters (125), right, wrestle against Gaylord on Thursday.

## Wrestling team continues league dominance with 66-12 win vs. BC

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(119) all won by default.

Joe White (125) won by decision, 8-3. Dan Duvall (130) and Will Fowler (135) won by default. Josh Moggo (145) pinned his Boyne City counterpart in the second round. Cody Collen (145) won by default in the final weight division of the match. Grayling won 66-12.

In the final series of the night, the Vikings wrestled against the Gaylord Blue Devils.

Derek Babbitt (160) gave Grayling a 6-0 lead with a first round pin. Grove (171) also pinned his opponent in the first round. Contreras (189) won by default. Townsend (215) scored a pin in the second round. Peters won the heavyweight division with a first round pin. Grayling led 30-0.

Gaylord won the next two weight classes - 103 and 112 - with pins. Grayling had a 30-12 advantage.

White (119) won by pin in the first round.

Gaylord won the 125-pound weight class by decision, 13-1. The Blue Devils also won at 130 (pin) and 135 (2-1 decision).

In the 140-pound division, Moggo won a 5-0 decision in triple overtime. Collen (145) pinned his Gaylord opponent in the first round.

The Blue Devils won the final weight class of the night (152) with a pin.

The Vikings won 45-31.

Grayling's victory vs. Boyne City improved the squad's record in Lake Michigan Conference matches to 8-0. The Vikings have dominated league play

this year. Their league scores so far this season are as follows (in order): 66-15 vs. Traverse City St. Francis, 66-10 vs. Kalkaska, 66-9 vs. Elk Rapids, 66-18 vs. Charlevoix, 53-9 vs. Boyne City, 57-15 vs. Charlevoix, 66-15 vs. TCSF, and 66-12 vs. Boyne City.

"I think we're wrestling well for this time of year," Coach Joe Ferrigan said. "We've got some kids that are banged up, but I'm pretty happy with where we are going into the conference meet."

The Vikings have one more regular season league meet - a makeup match vs. Elk Rapids and Kalkaska at Elk Rapids - on Wednesday, Feb. 4.

Grayling will compete in the Lake Michigan

Conference's championship tournament - a meet that factors into the league title along with regular season league records - on Saturday, Feb. 7.

Grayling's team district event will be held on Thursday, Feb. 19, at Grayling High School. The Vikings have won two consecutive district championships. This year's district, which is different than in years past, includes Grayling, Oscoda, and Elk Rapids.

More photos from this contest and other GHS games and meets are available on the Internet at [www.crawfordcountyavalanche.com](http://www.crawfordcountyavalanche.com). Use one of the "Photo Archive" links, then click on "Sports & Recreation" and "Grayling High School Sports."

## 24-13 fourth quarter wins it for Kalkaska

The Kalkaska Blazers outscored the Grayling Vikings 24-13 in the fourth quarter of last Tuesday's varsity girls basketball game at GHS, giving the Blazers a 59-48 victory.

Kalkaska led by one, 13-12, after one quarter. The Blazers had a 28-25 advantage at halftime. The game was tied at 35-35 going into the fourth period.

A jump shot by Ashley Feldhauser at the 7:07 mark gave Grayling a 37-35 lead. The Blazers hit a three-pointer to lead by one. A jump shot by Mackenzie Harwood gave the Vikings a one-point advantage. The Blazers outscored Grayling 21-9 down the stretch to win by 11 points. Kalkaska scored 10 of its fourth quar-

ter points at the free-throw line (10 for 17).

"Kalkaska is a good team and we made them earn it," Coach Kelly Sheehan said. "We had our best free throw percentage as a team so far this year. We made 12 of 18. Kalkaska is a quick team and they make their shots when left open. We started the fourth quarter tied up at 35. We got into foul trouble and they began to pull ahead."

Leading scorers for the Vikings included: Harwood, 15 points, 4 rebounds; Laura Boylan, 12 points, 9 rebounds, 6 blocks; Feldhauser, 8 points, 4 rebounds; Naomi Anglemyer, 4 points, 2 assists, 5 rebounds; Teresa Schreiber, 4 points, 3 assists, 5 steals.

On Thursday night, the Vikings lost 66-26 at Traverse City St. Francis.

"Traverse City simply outran us. They were ready for us," Coach Sheehan said. "We shot 63 percent from the free-throw line, which is becoming a



Naomi Anglemyer passes the ball during Tuesday's game vs. Kalkaska.

strength for us."

Grayling's leading scorers were: Boylan, 8 points, 5 rebounds, 4 blocks; T. Schreiber, 7 points, 2 assists, 3 steals, 3 blocks; Sam Schreiber, 5 points, 2 blocks, 3 steals.

Grayling (3-10 overall, 2-5 league) will host Charlevoix on Friday, Feb. 6, at 6 p.m.

The Crawford County Avalanche has added a new "scoreboard" feature to its Internet site. The scoreboard, which features scores from Grayling High School sports games and meets before they appear in our weekly newspaper, can be found at <http://www.crawfordcountyavalanche.com/sports/>.

## Ski teams place 4th at Nub's Nob

Grayling High School's boys and girls ski teams both finished fourth at a Lake Michigan Conference meet held at Nub's Nob on Thursday.

Placements for GHS included: (boys slalom) Mike Olson, 4th; Matt Hilbrecht, 7th; Peter Alexander, 14th; Brady Coe, 19th; (boys giant slalom) Olson, 6th; Hilbrecht, 8th; Coe, 20th; Alexander, 21st; (girls slalom) Hannah Smith, 7th;

Katie Lange, 13th; Peggy Curriston, 15th; Emily Wingard, 27th; (girls giant slalom) Ciara Summers, 13th; Lange, 17th; Curriston, 19th; Smith, 20th.

Traverse City St. Francis won the boys competition, and Harbor Springs won the girls competition.

"Both teams are skiing very well," Coach Tim Gariglio said. "Both teams are working very hard to get ready for regionals. Our

league is fortunate to be split for regionals in an effort to get the best teams to state. St. Francis, Elk Rapids, and Grayling go to Crystal Mountain while the other three teams stay in the north region. We face some of the toughest competition in the state in our league, but the competition makes us better and prepares us for regionals."

Grayling will ski in the Benzie Invitational on Friday, Feb. 6.

## Vikings wrestle in 24-team Gaylord tournament

The Vikings of Grayling High School wrestled in a 24-team meet at Gaylord - the Northern Michigan Championship Wrestling Tournament - on Saturday,

Jan. 31.

The meet was Grayling's "largest and toughest of (the) season," according to team officials.

Five Vikings earned

medals at the event: Joe White (119), 5th; Dan Duvall (130), 7th; Will Fowler (135), 8th; Matt Townsend (215), 5th; Kyle Peters (heavyweight), 8th.

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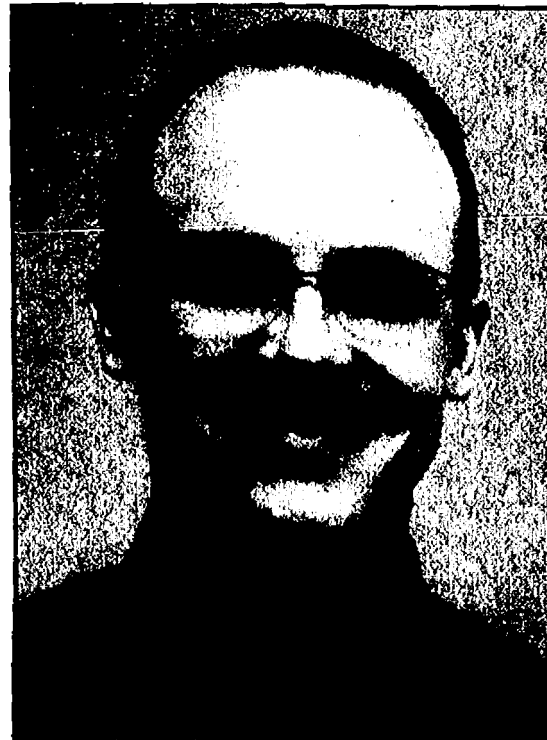
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## 12 Vikings score in 76-23 victory at Harrison

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Grayling's scorers included: Trent Larm (13), Eric Ferrigan (10), Tyler Steffey (10), Colin Hamlin (8), Steven Enos (8), Alex Gabriel (6), James Schweizer (5), Doug Gothro (4), Ryan Foguth (4), Spencer Dean (4), Jacob Aubry (2), Ross Teeple (2).

Gothro had eight rebounds for GHS. Hamlin had four assists. Ferrigan had five steals.

On Wednesday, the Vikings lost 66-55 vs. Traverse City St. Francis in a contest that was closer than the final score might indicate - Grayling trailed by only two points with 3:31 remaining in regulation.

The two teams were tied at 15-15 at the end of the first period. TCSF outscored Grayling 15-4 in the second period to lead 30-19 at half-time.

"I thought we started the game out very well at the beginning. We played physical and made great decisions," Coach Moffit said. "The second quarter really hurt us. We had six straight trips down the floor with a turnover and ended up only scoring four points in the quarter."

Grayling outscored Traverse City St. Francis 23-17 in the third period. The squad scored its final points of the period with a three-pointer at the buzzer by Larm. The Vikings trailed by five, 47-42, going into the fourth quarter.

"We had a great third quarter at both ends of the court. I thought we found a nice rhythm at the offensive end of the court and did a nice job of cutting into the (Traverse City St. Francis) lead," Coach Moffit said.

Grayling opened the fourth quarter with a jump shot by Hamlin. A jump shot by the Gladiators put their lead back to five. An inside shot by Steffey and a drive by Hamlin cut Traverse City's lead to one. A three-pointer put Traverse City St. Francis ahead by four. Grayling answered with a three-point shot by Ferrigan, a shot that pulled Grayling back within one. Traverse City St. Francis hit another triple to go back up by four. An inside shot by Gabriel cut Traverse City's lead to two, 55-53, at the 3:31 mark.

The Gladiators scored seven unanswered points with a triple, an inside shot, and two free throws.



Colin Hamlin drives to the basket for Grayling on Wednesday night.

Grayling scored two with a drive by Hamlin. Traverse City St. Francis hit two free throws at the 0:17 mark and tacked on two more points with a lay-up with one second remaining. The Gladiators won by 11, 66-55. "We cut the (Traverse City) lead to two points late in the game. We had a couple of bad breaks down the stretch. I am very proud of the toughness and grit that our players showed down the stretch," Coach Moffit said. "We are going to build off the positives of this game and learn from our mistakes."

Larm had 16 points and

five rebounds for GHS. Hamlin had 12 points and six assists. Steffey had eight points. Gabriel and Ferrigan each scored seven points.

On Friday night, the Vikings lost 61-40 at Boyne City. The Ramblers outscored Grayling 17-6 in the fourth quarter.

Hamlin had 10 points and six assists. Gabriel had nine points. Ferrigan had seven points. Steffey had seven rebounds.

The Vikings (5-5 overall, 3-4 conference) will - along with the GHS varsity girls basketball squad - host the Charlevoix Rayders on Friday, Feb. 6.

## 9th grade basketball team defeats Boyne, TCSF

Grayling High School's 9th grade boys basketball squad defeated the Traverse City St. Francis Gladiators and the Boyne City Ramblers last week, improving its season record to 6-2.

On Wednesday, the Vikings defeated Traverse City St. Francis in a contest played at Grayling Middle School.

"Good overall effort tonight," Coach LJ Mead

said. "We seem to get out to early leads and get a little relaxed. We need to finish with the same intensity that we start with. We continue to improve and we are learning to play with some of the changes that we made to our team."

Leading scorers for GHS were: Tom Burrell, 15 points, 7 rebounds; David Bergan, 10 points, 4 rebounds, 4 steals, 4 assists; Craig

Collen, 8 points, 8 rebounds; Josh McBride, 7 points, 10 rebounds; Devon Dawson, 6 points, 3 rebounds, 9 steals; Travis Schreiber, 2 points; Ryan Randall, 2 points, 1 steal, 1 rebound.

On Friday night, the Vikings won 57-43 at Boyne City.

Grayling's scoring leaders were: Bergan, 17 points, 3 rebounds, 6 steals, 4 assists; McBride, 12 points, 7

rebounds, 2 steals; Randall, 8 points, 2 rebounds, 2 steals; Dawson, 7 points, 6 rebounds, 4 steals, 2 assists; Burrell, 6 points, 7 rebounds, 3 steals, 2 assists; Jared Carlyle, 5 points, 3 rebounds; Collen, 2 points, 6 rebounds.

The Vikings (6-2 overall, 5-1 league) will host Charlevoix on Friday, Feb. 6, at 6 p.m. at Grayling Middle School.

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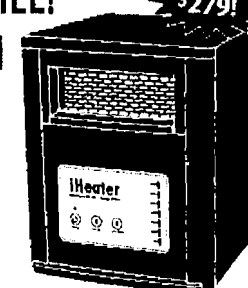
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## Legal Action

### STATE OF MICHIGAN 87th JUDICIAL DISTRICT JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY PROBATE ORDER REGARDING ALTERNATIVE SERVICE

Case No. 08-5481-GC-1  
Court address: 200 West Michigan Avenue, Grayling, MI 49738  
Court telephone no. (989) 344-3242  
Plaintiff:  
Auto-Owners Insurance Company  
(As Subrogee of Phyllis Tackett)

Plaintiff attorney:  
Assurance Legal Group, PLLC  
Tamara L. Hoffstatter (P60248), Ian T. Morton (P67892)  
1760 South Telegraph Road, Suite 106  
Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302  
(248) 209-0022

Defendant:  
Todd Emanuel Cardoza, Jr.  
2055 Alexia Lane  
Grayling, MI 49738

In the matter of Todd Emanuel Cardoza, Jr.

#### THE COURT FINDS:

1. Service of process upon defendant, Todd Emanuel Cardoza, Jr. cannot reasonably be made as provided in MCR 2.105, and service of process may be made in a manner which is reasonably calculated to give defendant actual notice of the proceedings and an opportunity to be heard.

#### IT IS ORDERED:

2. Service of the summons and complaint and a copy of this order may be made by the following method(s):

d. Other: Posting at 87th District Court. Publication for a Period of three (3) consecutive weeks in a local newspaper.

Date: 1/16/09

Judge,  
Honorable Monte J. Burmeister  
P48732

-29-5-12

### UNOFFICIAL SYNOPSIS OF CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING PROCEEDINGS Held on the 26th Day of January 2009

Mayor Akers called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM with a quorum present.

Approval of the Agenda and Consent Agenda.

The City Manager gave his report and updated the City Council on several different issues. Highlighted subjects were on the Fire Protection Services Contract with Grayling Charter Township, City of Grayling v. Moshier decision, County Recycling Program and two resignations from the DDA.

Council reviewed and discussed the proposed zoning ordinance.

Review of Reports.

Mayor Akers adjourned the meeting at 8:42 PM.

Michele A. Moshier  
City Clerk

Agendas can be found on our Web site: [www.cityofgrayling.org](http://www.cityofgrayling.org)

#### NOTICE

#### KENNETH HAYDEN:

The State of Tennessee, Department of Children's Services, has filed a petition against your seeking to terminate forever your parental rights to Danielle Michelle Atkins, William Scott Atkins, Michael Damien Atkins, Lauri Louise Atkins, Shawn Michael

Atkins, and Austin Atkins. It appears that ordinary process of law cannot be served upon you because your whereabouts are unknown. You are hereby ORDERED to file an Answer to the Petition to Termination Parental Rights with the Clerk of the Juvenile Court of Knox County, Tennessee, 3323 Division Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37919, and to serve a copy of that Answer upon Susan D. Kovac, Attorney for the Tennessee Department of Children's Services, 531 Henley Street, Suite 531, Knoxville, TN 37902, within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication of this notice, which will be February 12, 2009, and/or to appear for trial on March 17, 2009 at 9:00 AM, at Knox County Juvenile Court. If you fail to do so, a judgment will be taken against you pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 36-1-117(n), Rule 55 of the Tenn. R. of Civ. P., and Rules 1 and 39 of the Tenn. R. of Juv. P. for the relief demanded in the petition. You may view and obtain a copy of the petition and any other subsequently filed legal documents in the Juvenile Court Clerk's Office at the address shown above.

ENTER this the 31st day of December, 2008.

Timothy E. Irwin  
Judge

#### PREPARED FOR ENTRY:

Susan D. Kovac, BPR #5189  
Regional General Counsel  
Department of Children's Services  
531 Henley Street, Suite 531  
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-22-29-5-12

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THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Todd Banach and Carolyn Banach, husband and wife, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated February 23, 2004 and recorded March 9, 2004 in Liber 666, Page 757, Crawford County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by HSBC Bank USA N.A. by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Ten Thousand Nine Hundred Two and 99/100 Dollars (\$110,902.99) including interest at 5.625% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on FEBRUARY 25, 2009. Said premises are located in the Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 47, Ber-Mar Woods. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. Dated: January 22, 2009 Orlans Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Servicer P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 248-502-1400 File No. 450.0012 ASAPH# 2972112 01/22/2009, 01/29/2009, 02/05/2009, 02/12/2009

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## Bowling Leagues

**Pioneer League**  
Grayling Rest . . . 23 - 5  
Eagles Nest . . . 17 - 11  
Legion . . . 15.5 - 12.5  
5 B's . . . 14 - 14  
T.C. Lawncare . . . 13 - 15  
Ole Dam . . . 12.5 - 15.5  
Tim's Collision . . . 9 - 19  
Ball Busters . . . 8 - 20  
High Series: T. Rock and D. Argue, 533; C. Clark, 508.  
High Game: D. Argue, 200;  
T. Rock, 194; C. Clark, 190.  
**Friday Mixed Doubles**  
Fred's of Roscoe . . . 31 - 11  
Last Call . . . 31 - 11  
Canadian Steak . . . 21 - 21  
Legion . . . 21 - 21  
McDonald's . . . 19 - 23  
Double Trouble . . . 18 - 24  
L & L Hauling . . . 16 - 26  
Miller Spillers . . . 9 - 33  
High Series Women: P. Younglove, 462; L. Hanson, 461; K. Moshier, 457.  
High Game Women: K. Moshier, 184; P. Younglove, 171; S. Johnson, 169.  
High Series Men: G. Mastroeni, 598; D. Williamson, 574; S.

Pittman, 544.  
High Game Men: G. Mastroeni, 237; P. Benardo, 214; D. Williamson, 203.  
**Thursday Morning Coffee**  
Three Amigos . . . 9 - 3  
Pin Slayers . . . 8.5 - 3.5  
Misfits . . . 7 - 5  
Bill's Harem . . . 6.5 - 5.5  
Snow Tops . . . 5 - 7  
Rosebuds . . . 5 - 7  
Ladybugs . . . 5 - 7  
Casino Bums . . . 2 - 10  
High Series Women: H. Stairs, 493; N. Clark, 470; N. Glasslee, 459.  
High Game Women: N. Clark, 210; P. Germain, 186; K. Moshier, 176.  
High Series Men: E. Brosky, 515; B. Hollis, 512; B. Holton, 452.  
High Game Men: B. Hollis, 202; E. Brosky, 190; D. Williamson, 188.  
**Sunday Mixed Doubles**  
Team Shocker . . . 26 - 9  
Salon Rue . . . 23 - 12  
Hard Balls . . . 22 - 13  
Spikes #2 . . . 22 - 13  
Spikes #1 . . . 16 - 19

Growlers . . . 13 - 22  
AJD . . . 11 - 24  
GrayRock Cafe . . . 7 - 28  
High Series Men: M. Forbes, 635; J.R. Akers, 550; R. Sartin, 549.  
High Game Men: M. Forbes, 248; J.R. Akers, 214; T. Sheldon, 202.  
High Series Women: L. Mead, 525; C. Sheldon, 514; S. Mead, 441.  
High Game Women: L. Mead, 196; C. Sheldon, 190; S. Mead, 186.

**Senior League**  
Spike's . . . 14 - 6  
Bear's Den Pizza . . . 14 - 6  
Gaylord Electric . . . 13 - 7  
Dana Transport . . . 11 - 9  
Flowers By Josie . . . 9 - 11  
Kicking Grass . . . 9 - 11  
Sylvester's Sports . . . 6 - 14  
Lone Pine . . . 4 - 16  
High Series Women: H. Stairs, 460; C. Clark, 459; M. Rysso, 442.  
High Game Women: B. Wotring, 178; C. Clark, 170; J. Brown, 166.  
High Series Men: K. Harris, 538; B. Hollis, 530; P.

Faustman, 506.  
High Game Men: P. Faustman, 210; B. Hollis, 204 and 202; B. Holton, 192.

**Recreation League**  
Robin Smith CPA . . . 16 - 8  
TNT Charter . . . 15 - 9  
GMH-NCC . . . 14 - 10  
American Legion . . . 13 - 11  
Woody Girls . . . 13 - 11  
Days Inn . . . 9 - 15  
Glen's Market . . . 8 - 16  
Grayling Nursing . . . 8 - 16  
High Series: S. Johnson, 511; M. Richardson, 510; S. Rozenek, 491.  
High Game: P. Terry, 188; M. Richardson, 182; S. Johnson, 178.

**National First**  
Continental Rental . . . 19 - 9  
GADCO . . . 17 - 11  
Primary Electric . . . 13 - 15  
Pittman Bld. . . 12 - 16  
Hagerman Const. . . 12 - 16  
High Series: P. Benardo, Sr., 677; D. Lawe, 606; R. Pittman, 565.  
High Game: P. Benardo, Sr., 245; J. Lozon, 235; P. Benardo, Sr., 227.

the number listed below.

**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Chad Hawley and Amy Hawley, husband and wife to Olympus Mortgage Company, Mortgagee, dated November 29, 2004 and recorded December 9, 2004 in Liber 672 Page 826 Crawford County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage was assigned through mesne assignments to: Wells Fargo Bank, NA as Trustee under Pooling and Servicing Agreement dated as of February 1, 2005 Asset Backed Pass-Through Certificates Series 2005 WHQ1, by assignment dated December 6, 2004 and recorded March 12, 2008 in Liber 690, Page 579, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Four Thousand One Hundred Seventy-Six Dollars and Fifty-Five Cents (\$74,176.55) including interest 9.275% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, Circuit Court of Crawford County at 10:00AM on March 11, 2009

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 11, Block 1, Brink's Park, Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 1, Page 33, Crawford County Records

Commonly known as 210 Rolla, Grayling MI 49738

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 or MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later.

Dated: JANUARY 30, 2009 Wells Fargo Bank, NA as Trustee under Pooling and Servicing Agreement dated as of February 1, 2005 Asset Backed Pass-Through Certificates Series 2005 WHQ1.

Assignee of Mortgagee Attorneys: Poestivo & Associates, P.C. 811 South Blvd. Suite 100 Rochester Hills, MI 48307 (248)844-5123 Our File No: 09-04718

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**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Tammie M. Ledesma, a single woman to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., solely as nominee for Intervale Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated August 10, 2006 and recorded August 15, 2006 in Liber 682 Page 799 Crawford County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage was assigned to: U.S. Bank National Association as Trustee under Pooling and Servicing Agreement dated as of November 1, 2006 MASTR Asset Backed Securities, Trust 2006-HE4

**Pass-Through** Certificates Series 2006-HE4, by assignment dated April 2, 2007 and recorded April 11, 2007 in Liber 686, Page 246, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Nine Thousand Six Hundred Forty-Eight Dollars and Thirty-Two Cents (\$59,648.32) including interest 10.34% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, Circuit Court of Crawford County at 10:00AM on March 11, 2009

Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 4, Block 24, Roffee's Addition to the City of Grayling, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 11, Crawford County Records

Commonly known as 706 Park St. Grayling MI 49738

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 or MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later.

Dated: JANUARY 30, 2009 U.S. Bank National Association as Trustee under Pooling and Servicing Agreement dated as of November 1, 2006 MASTR Asset Backed Securities, Trust 2006-HE4 Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates Series 2006-HE4,

Assignee of Mortgagee Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C. 811 South Blvd. Suite 100 Rochester Hills, MI 48307 (248) 844-5123 Our File No: 09-04882

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### NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

DEFAULT having been made in the conditions of a certain Mortgage made by SAWMILL TAVERN, INC., of 104 Michigan Avenue, Grayling, Michigan 49738 to DALE M. NIELSON, of Post Office Box 3419, Traverse City, Michigan 49685, dated October 5, 1999 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Crawford, in the State of Michigan on November 17, 2008 in Liber 693, Page 873, between DALE M. NIELSON ("Assignor") and SAWMILL REAL ESTATE LLC ("Assignee") on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date of this Notice, for principal and interest, the sum of Two Hundred Ninety-Three Thousand Four Hundred Sixty-Five and 71/100 (\$293,465.71) Dollars; and no proceedings have been instituted to recover the debt now remaining secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof, whereby the power of sale contained in said Mortgage has become operative;

NOW THEREFORE, Notice is hereby given that on Wednesday,

February 11, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. at the Courthouse in the City of Grayling, that being the place for holding the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford, there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder, at public sale, for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid upon said Mortgage, together with interest at eight (8%) percent per annum, legal costs, attorney fees, and any taxes and insurance that said Mortgagee, SAWMILL REAL ESTATE LLC, does pay on or prior to the date of said sale. The premises are described in said Mortgage as follows, to-wit:

The West 58 feet, Lot 5, Block 17, Original Plat of the Village (now city) of Grayling, according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Liber 01, Page 02, Crawford County Records, commonly known as 104 Michigan Avenue, Grayling, Michigan 49738.

The redemption period as provided by law is six (6) months from the date of sale,

Sawmill Real Estate LLC, Mortgagee  
By: Gregory J. Donahue (P54232) Attorney For Mortgagee  
412 S. Union Street, PO Box 987 Traverse City, MI 49685-0987  
Dated: January 6, 2009

-15-22-29-5

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mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on FEBRUARY 25, 2009. Said premises are located in the Township of Beaver Creek, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Parcel 1: Commencing at the East one-quarter corner of Section 19, Town 25 North, Range 3 West; thence North 0 degrees 49 minutes West (along the East Section line) 657.90 feet; thence South 88 degrees 08 minutes 15 seconds West, 1499.82 feet; thence North 0 degrees 53 minutes 18 seconds West 33 feet to the point of beginning; thence South 88 degrees 08 minutes 15 seconds West 16.5 feet; thence North 0 degrees 53 minutes 18 seconds West 624.84 feet; thence North 88 degrees 08 minutes 30 seconds East 16.5 feet; thence South 0 degrees 53 minutes 18 seconds East 624.84 feet to the point of beginning, being part of the North one-half of the Southwest one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter Section 19, Town 25 North, Range 3 West. Being the same more or less but subject to all legal highways. Parcel 2: Commencing at the Northeast corner of the Southwest one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter, Section 19, Town 25 North, Range 3 West; thence West 12 rods to the point of beginning; thence South 38 rods; thence West 8 rods; thence North 38 rods; thence East 8 rods to the point of beginning. Being the same more or less but subject to all legal highways. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. Dated: January 22, 2009 Orlans Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Servicer P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 248-502-1400 File No. 285.3757 ASAPH# 2972752 01/22/2009, 01/29/2009, 02/05/2009, 02/12/2009

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## Grayling Charter Township Planning Commission to hold public hearing

The Grayling Charter Township Planning Commission will meet in public session on Monday, February 24th, 2009, at 7 p.m. in the town hall to hear public comment on the following requests:

#### Case # PC09-01 Request for in-home occupation permit

Petitioner: Steve LaVigne  
Address: 2751 W. M-72  
Grayling, MI 49738  
Local Address: Same  
Property ID# 040-41-015-06-020-01  
Zoning: RF (Recreation Forest)  
Lot size: 2.5 acres  
Request: Request to build 1200-to-1600 sf. pole barn for the purpose of opening a machine shop as an in-home occupation in an accessory building.  
Zoning Justification: Ordinance 2003-02, Article XI, Section 11.04. H  
Ordinance 2003- 02, Article XX, Section 20.01.L

The public is encouraged to attend this hearing.

Text and maps of requests are on file in the township offices and are available for public review during normal working hours. The Grayling Township offices and meeting room are located at 2090 Viking Way, Grayling. Questions pertaining to this request may be directed to the Grayling Township Zoning Administrator at the town hall, or by calling (989) 348-4361.

Terry Wright  
Supervisor/Zoning Administrator

## Planning Commission Members Wanted

Frederic Township Planning Commission is restructuring and is now looking for any interested person(s) that would like to be part of our Planning commission. Please submit a letter of interest to the Frederic Township Supervisor at P.O. Box 78, Frederic, MI 49733 or deliver in person during our normal business hours, Monday thru Thursday, 9 am - 2 pm. Please submit the letter of interest by March 2, 2009 before 2 pm.



# Legal Action

## FORECLOSURE NOTICE

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for this purpose. If you are in the Military, please contact our office at the number listed below.

**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Thomas Lee Thomas and Kathleen Jean Thomas f/k/a Kathleen Jean Schopp, husband and wife to

Standard Federal Bank, N.A., Mortgagee, dated June 4, 2005 and recorded June 24, 2005 in Liber 676 Page 42 Crawford County Records, Michigan on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Six Thousand Six Hundred Ninety-Three Dollars and Twenty-Four Cents (\$76,693.24) including interest 3.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, Circuit Court of Crawford County at 10:00AM on March 4, 2009

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Unit 14 and 15, of usable county acres, Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, a condominium established pursuant to the Master Deed thereof, as recorded in Liber 433, Pages 203 through 241, inclusive, Crawford County Records, also known as Crawford County Condominium Subdivision Plan Number 3, together with rights in general common elements and limited common elements as set forth in the above Master Deed, and Act 59 of the Public Acts of 1978, as amended

Commonly known as 1515 Lumberjack Ct, Grayling MI 49738 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 or MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241(a)(c), whichever is later.

Dated: JANUARY 30, 2009 Bank of America, N.A. as successor by merger to LaSalle Bank as successor to LaSalle Bank Midwest, N.A. f/k/a Standard Federal Bank, N.A.

Mortgagee Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C. 811 South Blvd, Suite 100 Rochester Hills, MI 48307 (248)844-5123 Our File No: 09-04659

## NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jonathan Z. Backus and Amanda Lyn Rohn n/k/a Amanda Lyn Backus, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated August 27, 2007, and recorded on September 24, 2007 in Liber 688 on Page 658, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Seven Thousand Five Hundred Seven And 93/100 Dollars (\$57,507.93), including interest at 7.125% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on March 4, 2009.

Said premises are situated in Township of Maple Forest, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Parcel A-2: Part of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 35, Town 28 North, Range 3 West, commencing at the West 1/4 corner of said Section 35; thence South (along the West Section line) 349.0 feet to the Point of Beginning, thence South 89 degrees East 233 feet; thence South 280.8 feet; thence North 89 degrees West 233 feet; thence North 280.9 feet to the Point of Beginning. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in

accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. Dated: January 29, 2009 For more information, please call: FC X 248.593.1302 Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys For Servicer 31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525 File #196161F02

## NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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**NOTICE TO PROSPECTIVE PURCHASERS:** This sale may be rescinded or set aside by the foreclosing mortgagee. In such event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to a return or refund of the bid amount tendered at such sale, together with interest at the rate set forth herein.

**MORTGAGE SALE:** Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Eric Fisher, a single man, Mortgagor, of 10587 Indian Woods Trail, Roscommon, Michigan 48653, to Chemical Bank, successor by merger to Chemical Bank West, a Michigan banking corporation, of 333 E. Main Street, Midland, Michigan 48640, Mortgagee, dated February 21, 2001, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Crawford and State of Michigan, on March 1, 2001, in Liber 529, at page 476, Crawford County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due for principal, interest and late fees, as of the date of this notice, the sum of Sixty-Six Thousand One Hundred Fifty-Five and Seventy-Nine Hundredths Dollars (\$66,155.79).

No suit or proceedings at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof, whereby the power of sale contained in said mortgage has become operative;

**NOW THEREFORE**, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statutes of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on **Wednesday, February 25, 2009, at 10:00 a.m.**, said mortgage will be foreclosed in the lobby of the Crawford County Courthouse, in Grayling, State of Michigan, that being the place where the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford is held, by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, of the premises in said mortgage or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, as aforesaid, on said mortgage with interest thereon at Five and Two Hundred Forty Thousandths percent (5.25%) per annum and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including the attorney's fees allowed by law, and also any taxes and insurance which may be paid by the Mortgagee on or before the date of said sale which may be necessary to protect its interests in the premises.

Said premises are situated in the Township of Beaver Creek, in the County of Crawford and State of Michigan, are commonly known as 10587 Indian Woods Trail, Roscommon, Michigan 48653, and are more particularly described as follows: Lot 617, Indian Glens of the AuSable No. 6, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 4 of Plats, Pages 1-4, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of such sale; provided, however, that in the event that the property is determined to be abandoned pursuant to MCL 600.3241a, the property may be redeemed during the thirty (30) days immediately following such sale.

Dated: January 21, 2009 William R. Garchow (P61833) CURRIE KENDALL P.L.C. 6024 Eastman Avenue Midland, Michigan 48640 (989)839-0300 Attorneys for Chemical Bank

## MORTGAGE SALE

**SCHNEIDERMAN & SHERMAN, P.C., IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT (248)539-7400 IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.**

**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by JUDITH B. GENDRON and JAMES G. GENDRON, WIFE AND HUSBAND, to

**MMS MORTGAGE SERVICES, LTD.,** Mortgagee, dated April 22, 2005, and recorded on April 26, 2005, in Liber 675, on Page 159, and assigned by said mortgagee to MICHIGAN EDUCATIONAL CREDIT UNION, as assigned, Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Four Thousand Five Hundred Dollars and Fifty-One Cents (\$54,500.51), including interest at 6.500% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan, at 10:00 AM o'clock, on February 25, 2009

Said premises are located in Crawford County, Michigan and are described as: THE NORTH 162.65 FEET OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 17, TOWN 27 NORTH, RANGE 4 WEST.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: January 15, 2009 MICHIGAN EDUCATIONAL CREDIT UNION Mortgagee/Assignee

Schneiderman & Sherman, P.C. 23100 Providence Drive, Suite 450 Southfield, MI 48075

## MORTGAGE SALE

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**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by STEVE KISH AND PEGGY KISH, HUSBAND AND WIFE, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated July 18, 2007, and recorded on July 24, 2007, in Liber 687, on Page 817, Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty-Six Dollars and Sixty-Seven Cents (\$125,986.67), including interest at 6.750% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan, at 10:00 AM o'clock, on February 25, 2009

Said premises are located in Crawford County, Michigan and are described as: PARCEL "A-1" BEING A PART OF THE EAST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 28, TOWNSHIP 25 NORTH, RANGE 2 WEST, SOUTH BRANCH TOWNSHIP, CRAWFORD COUNTY, MICHIGAN, DESCRIBED AS: COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 28; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 19 MINUTES EAST ON THE SECTION LINE, 989.4 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE NORTH 0 DEGREES 05 MINUTES 49 SECONDS EAST, 250.0 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 19 MINUTES EAST, 229.79 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 0 DEGREES 05 MINUTES 45 SECONDS WEST, 250.0 FEET; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 19 MINUTES WEST ON THE SECTION LINE, 229.8 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; SUBJECT TO AND TOGETHER WITH AN EASEMENT 66.0 FEET WIDE LYING EAST OF AND ADJACENT TO A LINE DESCRIBED AS: COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SECTION 28, TOWNSHIP 25 NORTH, RANGE 2 WEST, SOUTH BRANCH TOWNSHIP, CRAWFORD COUNTY, MICHIGAN; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 19 MINUTES EAST ALONG SECTION LINE, 989.4 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE NORTH 0 DEGREES 05 MINUTES 49 SECONDS EAST, 250.0 FEET TO THE POINT OF ENDING.

PARCEL "A-2" BEING A PART OF THE EAST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 28, TOWNSHIP 25 NORTH,

RANGE 2 WEST, SOUTH BRANCH TOWNSHIP, CRAWFORD COUNTY, MICHIGAN, DESCRIBED AS: COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 28; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 19 MINUTES EAST ON THE SECTION LINE, 989.4 FEET; THENCE NORTH 0 DEGREES 05 MINUTES 49 SECONDS EAST, 250.0 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUING NORTH 0 DEGREES 05 MINUTES 49 SECONDS EAST, 1079.7 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 20 MINUTES EAST ON THE 1/8 LINE, 329.75 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 0 DEGREES 05 MINUTES 45 SECONDS WEST ON THE 1/8 LINE, 1079.8 FEET; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 19 MINUTES WEST, 329.79 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; TOGETHER WITH AN EASEMENT 66.0 FEET WIDE LYING EAST OF AND ADJACENT TO A LINE DESCRIBED AS: COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SECTION 28, TOWNSHIP 25 NORTH, RANGE 2 WEST, SOUTH BRANCH TOWNSHIP, CRAWFORD COUNTY, MICHIGAN; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 19 MINUTES EAST ALONG SECTION LINE, 989.4 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE NORTH 0 DEGREES 05 MINUTES 49 SECONDS EAST, 250.0 FEET TO THE POINT OF ENDING.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: January 14, 2009 Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns,

Mortgagee/Assignee

Schneiderman & Sherman, P.C. 23100 Providence Drive, Suite 450 Southfield, MI 48075

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**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Bernard Irwin, married and Alice Irwin, married, joint tenants w/rights of survivorship, original mortgagor(s), to Tranex Financial, Inc., Mortgagee, dated June 5, 1997, and recorded on June 10, 1997 in Liber 431 on Page 373, in Crawford county records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Extra Credit Union as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Thirty-Seven Thousand One Hundred Forty-Three And 97/100 Dollars (\$37,143.97), including interest at 8% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on March 11, 2009. Said premises are situated in Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Being part of the South 1/2 of the North 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 4, Town 25 North, Range 2 West, South Branch Township, Crawford County, Michigan described as: Commencing at the South 1/4 corner of said Section 4; thence North 0 degrees 32 seconds East along the North and South 1/4 line, 2083.10 feet for a point of beginning, thence South 89 degrees 09 seconds West 270.0 feet, thence North 0 degrees 32 seconds East 20.6 feet; thence South 89 degrees 09 seconds West 100.0 feet; thence South 0 degrees 32 seconds West 15.0 feet; thence South 89 degrees 09 seconds West 933.67 feet; thence North 0 degrees 31 seconds East along the 1/8 line, 109.9 feet; thence North 89 degrees 09 seconds East 1303.63 feet; thence South 0 degrees 32 seconds West along the North and South 1/4 line 115.5 feet to the point of beginning. The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: February 5, 2009 For more information, please call:

FC G 248.593.1310 Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys For Servicer 31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525 File #242277F01

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**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Michael B. Ritter, a Single Man, original mortgagor(s), to Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation, a New Jersey Corporation, Mortgagee, dated June 28, 2002, and recorded on July 11, 2002 in Liber 588 on Page 1, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Four Thousand Three Hundred Thirty-Five And 91/100 Dollars (\$54,335.91), including interest at 7.125% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on March 4, 2009.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Beginning at a point which is North 87 degrees 06 minutes East 277.22 feet and North 0 degrees 54 minutes East, 33.07 feet from the East 1/8 corner common to Sections 6 and 7, Town 26 North, range 3 West, and running thence North 0 degrees 54 minutes East 195 feet; thence North 87 degrees 06 minutes East 60.13 feet; thence South 0 degrees 54 minutes West 195 feet; thence South 87 degrees 06 minutes West 60.13 feet to the point of beginning. Being a Part of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 6, Town 26 North, Range 3 West.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: January 29, 2009 For more information, please call: FC S 248.593.1304 Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys For Servicer 31440 Northwestern Highway,

Suite 200 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525 File #241585F01

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**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Thomas Lee Thomas and Kathleen J. Thomas fka Kathleen Schopp, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to ABN AMRO Mortgage Group, Inc., Mortgagee, dated April 22, 2002, and recorded on May 21, 2002 in Liber 582 on Page 282, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Thirty-Three Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty-Four And 88/100 Dollars (\$33,824.88), including interest at 6.75% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on March 4, 2009.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Unit 14 and 15, Ausable Country Acres, a condominium established pursuant to the Master Deed, thereof, as recorded in Liber 433, Pages 203 through 241, inclusive, Crawford County Records, also being, known as Crawford County Condominium Subdivision Plan No. 3, together with rights in general common elements and limited common elements as set forth in the above Master Deed, and Act 59 of the Public Acts of 1978, as amended.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: January 29, 2009 For more information, please call: FC C 248.593.1301 Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys For Servicer 31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525 File #241925F01

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO ESTABLISH A REGULAR ELECTION DATE

Please take notice that pursuant to the provisions of the Consolidated Election Law, as amended, the Board of Education of Crawford AuSable School District, Crawford, Otsego and Kalkaska Counties, State of Michigan, will conduct a public hearing on the establishment of a new regular election date pursuant to law.

The dates authorized by current law for school regular elections are:

- The November general election date (even years)
- The November general election date (odd years)
- The November general election date in both even and odd years.
- The May regular election date in both even and odd years.
- The odd year May regular election date.

The Board will discuss and consider option (e) above for regular school election dates at the public hearing.

**Establishment of a new regular election date will result in the term of office of current school board members being extended to fit the new election cycle.**

The hearing will be held in the Grayling Elementary Conference room in the district at 6:00 o'clock in the p.m. on the 9th day of February, 2009.

If the Board of Education fails to approve the tentative election date or any other date authorized by law, the regular election will continue to be held at the May general election annually, continuing with May 2010.

The Board of Education is authorized by law to adopt a resolution setting the regular election date immediately subsequent to the public hearing.

Jane E. Lange Secretary, Board of Education



# Features

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## A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE



February 6, 1986 - Douglas Legg of Grayling is shown here with the 14 point buck that he shot with his muzzle loader on Dec. 8, 1985. The deer was shot in the Grayling area.

### 23 Years Ago February 6, 1986

Dennis Mansfield, Angie Larson and Amy Hough all scored ratings of 2 for solo and ensemble performances at Gaylord High School in District II Michigan State Band and Orchestra Association competition. Mansfield, a senior, performed a trumpet solo. Larson and Hough, both sophomores, performed piano solos and a flute and clarinet duet. The performances are rated 1 - 5, with a "1" being the best rating.

Gerald Casey, of Grayling, found the \$500 Medallion Monday morning on a tree approximately 84 feet behind the large welcome sign to Camp Grayling. Casey, and his son Caleb, age 10, were

parked at the Camp Grayling chapel at 7 a.m. waiting for Monday's clue to be broadcast. After the clue, he drove around Camp Grayling looking for four lights. It was still dark and he found four bright lights near the camp entrance.

Stephanie Hindmarsh was named Miss Grayling 1986 Saturday night. Christine Best won first runner-up and Kim Springer was second runner-up. Hindmarsh won the talent portion of the pageant with a song and dance routine and tied with Michele Moshier for Miss Congeniality.

Todd Hull stole a pass and scored on a break-away lay-up with five seconds to go to give the GHS basketball team a 51-50 win over Boyne City. The Vikings

were pressing a half-court throw-in by Boyne when Hull stole the pass. Defensive pressure by Tom Bacon and Todd Klinger helped set up the game winning steal.

### 46 Years Ago February 7, 1963

The crown of Miss Frederic was placed on the head of Janet Blaauw in ceremonies at Mt. Frederic. A sizeable crowd was in attendance in spite of the bitter cold weather. Janet Blaauw is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Blaauw of Maple Forest. Sharon Plagens and Janet Johnson were chosen for Janet's court. The festivities took place on a red and blue ice throne on which a white throne rested. The girls were ushered to the throne by crown bearer John Tobin, age 5, banner bearer Douglas Hinkle, age 5, and gift bearer Bert Kaiser, also age 5. Gifts of identification bracelets were presented to the queen and her court, provided by the Frederic merchants.

Hartwick Pines manager Leonard Jensen reports that he has plowed out six to eight camp sites at the Hartwick Pines camping area, due to the increased number of winter campers who have been moving to northern Michigan through-out the past years.

### 69 Years Ago February 8, 1940

Grayling's 15th Annual Winter Sports Carnival is now history. And what a success it was. Thousands

jammed their way into the city and the park on Sunday. By late afternoon on Saturday, every hotel room had been reserved. Homes were opened to care for visitors and Mercy Hospital housed for the night. Very lovely in all its splendor was the Queen's ball, held on Saturday night at the school gymnasium. Norberta Weiss was crowned as Grayling's snow queen.

About 5 p.m. on Tuesday of last week, the fire alarms sounded at CCC Camp AuSable and word went out that the concrete block plant was on fire. The men responded promptly, but the fire had too much of a head start and nothing could be done but to protect the other buildings around the camp. The building was constructed of salvage materials from the old Johannesburg camp and was not of great value, but quite a bit of equipment was destroyed.

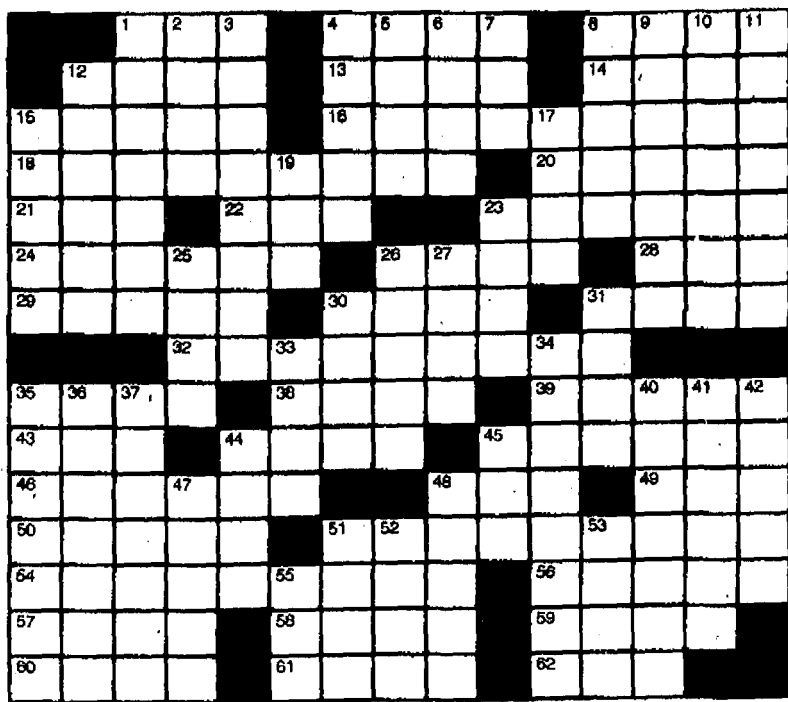
### 92 Years Ago February 8, 1917

McGuire Dupree has purchased a cement block company in Bay City and will move there.

A.E. Hendrikson, our south side merchant tailor, was in Lewiston last week and while he was there he purchased 80 acres of land.

Miss Margaret Jensen, who has been employed at the post office for the past couple of years, has resigned her position and has accepted a position as an assistant in the Salling, Hanson Company office.

## CROSSWORD



### Across

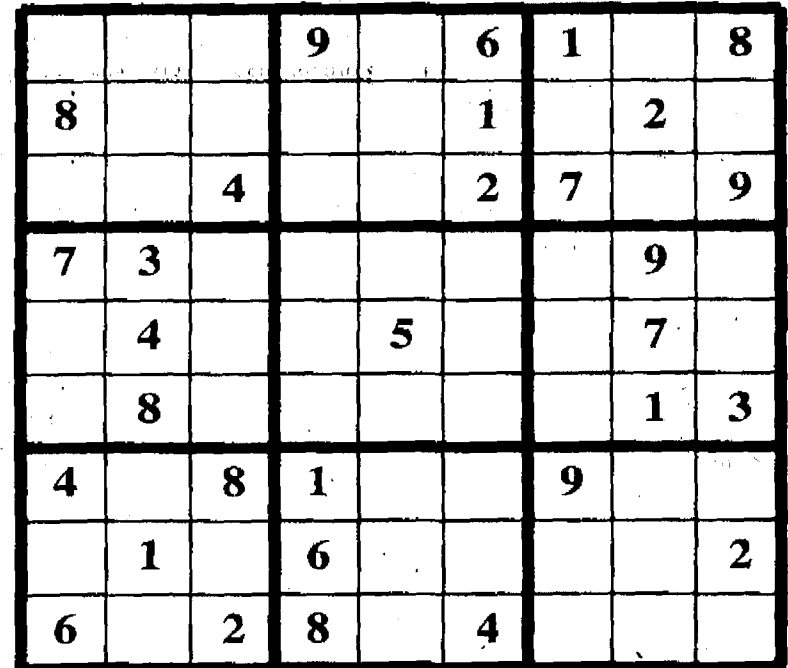
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- High-five, e.g.
- Cracker spread
- Dermatologist's concern
- Color quality
- Holly
- Sayings of Jesus regarded as authentic although not recorded in the Gospels
- Set up
- Different
- Kind of ticket
- PC "brain"
- One of Alcott's "Little Men"
- Disloyal person who betrays his cause
- Frames on which clothes are dried
- Pat
- Franchise
- "Take your hands off me!"
- Golden Triangle country
- 1987 Costner role
- By the fact itself
- Priestly garb
- Take into custody
- Carries on
- Basic unit of money in Romania
- Boiled
- "The English Patient" setting
- Formerly used by infantrymen
- Amscrayed
- Be in session
- Earthy pigment
- Marital arts movie genre
- Authenticated as a notary
- Independent ruler or chieftain
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- Bell the cat
- Depth charges, in military slang
- "Dam it all!"
- Sundae topper, perhaps
- Atlanta-based station

### Down

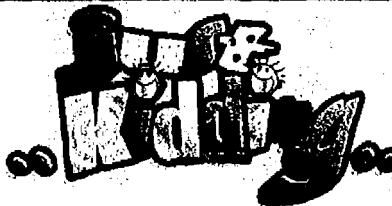
- Custard-like food made from curdled milk
- Ashtabula's lake
- Pendant gem shape
- Draft holder
- Red ink amount
- A chip, maybe
- \_\_\_ green
- American worker
- Some
- People who are tested
- Impels in an indicated direction
- Baked entree
- Nearby
- Give away
- Functioned as
- Kind of computer architecture
- Auspices
- Blooper
- Baker's unit
- Look angry or sullen
- Wyle of "ER"
- Sean Connery, for one
- Conduct business
- One who distributes charity
- Eye disease
- Active grey timeline of western North America
- Emerging
- Kid carriers
- Debaucher
- Okla., before 1907
- Chuckiehead
- "Endymion" poet
- Isuzu model
- Alexander, e.g.
- "Catch!"
- Arab League member
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## SUDOKU

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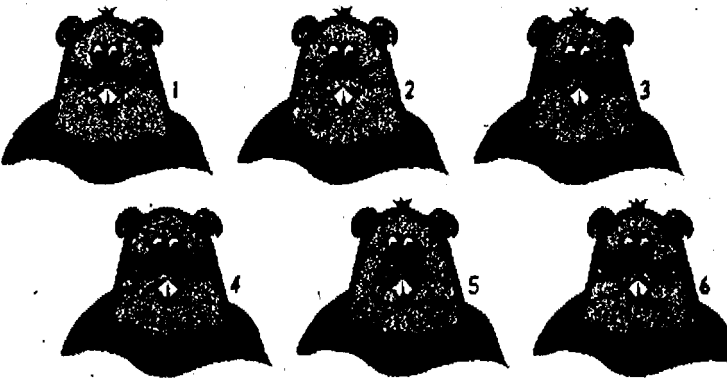


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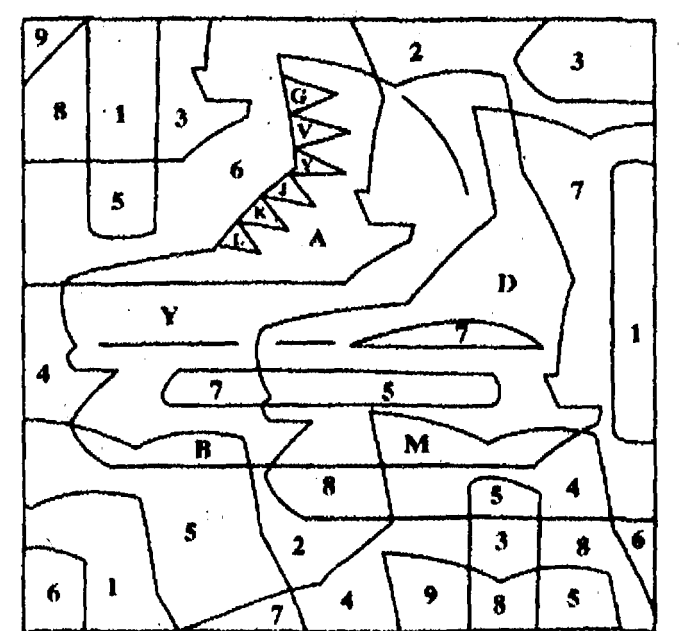
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## HIDDEN PICTURE



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# HOROSCOPES

For the week of February 5, 2009

**CAPRICORN**  
December 22 - January 19  
Change of plans, Capricorn. A new destination is calling. Don't question, just pack your bags and go. You will return refreshed and ready to conquer the world.

**ARIES**  
March 21 - April 19  
Put an end to the crazy days forever, Aries. Clean up your house, get rid of the clutter and organize all of those nooks and crannies. You'll be surprised at how efficient you become.

**CANCER**  
June 22 - July 22  
Give of yourself, Cancer. An organization is in dire need. Confidentiality is breached at work. Steer clear of the matter. An innocent question could get you sucked in.

**LIBRA**  
September 23 - October 22  
Wish you could do more, Libra? Say no more. The resources will soon be at hand. Romance moves from center at home, and a special gift arrives in your mailbox.

**AQUARIUS**  
January 20 - February 18  
Feeling a little touchy, Aquarius? Don't worry. The funk will pass when a blast from the past rolls into town. A heated exchange at work is no reason to panic.

**TAURUS**  
April 20 - May 20  
Cutting corners will get you nowhere, Taurus. Resist the urge and pay attention to the details. A lift in the romance department calls for a creative solution.

**LEO**  
July 23 - August 22  
Being polite is all well and good, Leo. Sometimes, however, you have to take a stand and protect yourself and your family, even if you come across as rude.

**SCORPIO**  
October 23 - November 21  
Feeling out of sorts, Scorpio? Relax. Life is about to turn around, and all wrinkles will soon be ironed out. An issue at work is finally explored.

**PISCES**  
February 19 - March 20  
Ready for a windfall, Pisces? One is on the way. Put it where it will truly make a difference. A meeting with an old friend reminds you of what's really important.

**GEMINI**  
May 21 - June 21  
Take steps to protect your assets, Gemini. A crisis is lurking. Travel plans get made in a hurry, and you're whisked away on a romantic adventure. Enjoy!

**VIRGO**  
August 23 - September 22  
Brace yourself, Virgo. A storm is brewing at home. Prepare to take cover and vow not to get involved. Your family members must work out this one on their own.

**SAGITTARIUS**  
November 22 - December 21  
Fit to be tied, Sagittarius? A family decree makes your blood boil. Calm down. No one likes being told what to do, but this new rule really is in your best interest.

FOR ENTERTAINMENT PURPOSES ONLY

## ADOPT A PET

WE'RE OVERLOADED! The animal shelter is currently very full of animals in need of loving homes, just like yours. Help these very adoptable pets find homes, adopt today! Visit our web site for more information.

**Pickles**

Miss Pickles has been at the shelter for a year now and she is still looking for her forever home. She is about 3 years old and very funny. Pickles is active, beautiful and playful. I am not sure why she has not been adopted but I do know that this is a great cat!

Visit us at: [www.ausablevalleyanimalshelter.org](http://www.ausablevalleyanimalshelter.org)

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Use the entrance to the Crawford County Fairgrounds  
Hours: Open 10 to 3 pm Monday through Saturday,  
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For more pets or more information, visit our web site [www.asscs.petfinder.com](http://www.asscs.petfinder.com)

## WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

### Last Week

Date	H	L	Snow
1/27	17	-16	0
1/28	20	-19	0
1/29	20	6	1
1/30	19	11	2
1/31	15	5	1
2/1	24	10	0
2/2	36	3	0

### Extended Forecast

(Courtesy of the Weather.com)

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
High 20	High 33	High 37	High 31	High 31	High 34
Low 13	Low 27	Low 21	Low 19	Low 19	Low 18
Furries	Partly Cloudy	Rain/ Snow Showers	Few Snow Showers	Few Snow Showers	Rain/ Snow Showers

## RECIPE OF THE WEEK

### WARM CHOCOLATE PUDDING CAKE

**Ingredients:**

1 pkg. (2-layer size) devil's food chocolate cake mix	2 pkg. (3.9 oz. each) chocolate instant pudding mix
2 cups cold milk	1/3 cup sugar
1-1/4 cups water	1 cup thawed whipped topping
1/3 cup sugar	

**Directions:** Heat oven to 350°F. Prepare cake batter as directed on package. Pour into greased 13x9-inch baking dish; set aside. Pour milk and water into large bowl. Add pudding mixes and sugar. Beat with whisk 2 min. or until blended. Pour over batter. Place baking dish on baking sheet to catch any sauce that bubbles over sides of dish as dessert bakes. Bake 55 min. to 1 hour or until toothpick inserted in center of cake layer comes out clean. Cool 20 min. (Sauce will thicken slightly as it cools). Spoon into serving dishes; top with whipped topping. There is no need to reheat leftovers - this cake is also delicious cold.



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## 1. Real Estate

**2-3 BEDROOM** 2 bath, year round ranch in peaceful setting, on maintained road, near lakes and snowmobiling. 2482 Sandy Trail, south off M-72, 7.3 miles east of Grayling, price reduced. (586) 446-0004, (586) 713-7500. (6/22/06tf/1)

**MOBILE HOME** 2-3 bedroom for sale, owner finance on lot, 989-348-5278 or 586-405-0030. (3/20/08tf/1)

**NICE** 2 bedroom mobile home, new appliances, asking \$2,500 cash or trade. 989-745-6012. (-5/1)

## 2. For Rent

**2 BEDROOM APARTMENT** Nonsmoking, no pets, \$500 a month plus gas. 348-4840. (-5/2)

**HOUSE FOR RENT** In town. 1 bedroom, plus den. \$450 a month plus utilities. Call 348-2473. (-5/2)

**MOBILE HOMES** 4 RENT 2 and 3 bedroom, \$425 and up. Also, trailers for sale. 348-5278. (9/28/06tf/2)

## 2. For Rent

**SENIOR APARTMENTS AVAILABLE** at The Brook Retirement Communities. Offering Independent and Assisted Living. Lots of amenities, activities, beautiful surroundings and affordable living. Communities located in: Houghton Lake (989) 422-7200 Roscommon (989) 275-4000, West Branch (989) 343-1400, Gladwin (989) 426-8700. Call or stop by today for a personalized tour. (5/10/2007tf/2)

**RIVERVIEW SENIOR APTS.** 306 Knight St. in Grayling has one bedroom units available. Rent based on income. Community room and laundry area for residents use. Send this ad and your second month is free. Applications at office on site or by calling 1-800-225-7982. Managed by Stratford Group Ltd., 442 W. Baldwin, Alpena, MI 49707. Equal Housing Opportunity. TDD# 1-800-855-1155. (-15-22-29-5/2)

**COMMERCIAL BUILDING FOR RENT** Lots of parking, stand alone structure and good location. 989-348-8471. (1/15/09tf/2)

## 2. For Rent

**CABINS AT LOST ACRES** Cabins from \$275 - \$375, with free utilities. 11010 N. Old US 27, no pets. 1-877-227-6976 or Mike at 231-590-3699. (02/5/09tf/2)

**NICE CLEAN** 2 bedroom duplex, totally remodeled. Laundry hookup, storage, lawn care and snowplowing. No smoking. \$495. 700A Smith and 8114 Insley Ave. 348-2178. (1/8/09tf/2)

**BIG HOUSE** Mobile homes and cabins at Lost Acres. 4 bedroom log home, \$575; 2 bedroom mobile homes, \$375 plus utilities; cabins from \$275 - \$375 with free utilities. 11004 - 11010 N. Old US 27, no pets at all. 1-877-227-6976, more details at www.quality-homerentals.net (Northern Michigan Units). (11/20/08tf/2)

**ARBOR COURT APARTMENTS** In Grayling has an immediate opening in our 2 bedroom. Rental assistance is available and rent is based on 30 percent of the adjusted monthly gross income. Call Pam for details 989-732-6237. Equal housing opportunity. TDD # 1-800-649-3777. (LR3/26/09/2)

## Whispering Pines Apartments

Whispering Pines Apartments is currently accepting applications for beautiful 1 & 2 bedroom apartments. Rent is based on 30% of your income; low to moderate incomes are welcome. Barrier free apartment waiting list is currently open. These apartments offer a patio, walk-in closets, air conditioning, garbage disposal, window treatments, neutral decor, and spacious living areas, also a very nice playground area. Free heat and free hot water. For a personal showing please call Jerry @ (989) 344-0020. Equal Housing Opportunity. TDD 1-800-649-3777.

Equal Housing Opportunity.

## 1. Real Estate

## 2. For Rent

**RIVER FOREST APARTMENTS** Hannah and Ballenger Street in Roscommon has 1, 2 and 3 bedroom units available for immediate occupancy by eligible applicants. Rent is based on income. Laundry and play areas on site. Send this ad and your second month is free. Applications on site or call 1-800-225-7982. Managed by Stratford Group Ltd., 442 W. Baldwin, Alpena, MI 49707. Equal Housing Opportunity. TDD# 1-800-855-1155. (-15-22-29-5/2)

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**2 BEDROOM DUPLEX** \$450 plus security and utilities. 348-5230. (-5-12-19-26/2)

## 3. Employment

**SCHEDULING COORDINATOR** for Grayling specialty office; must be warm, caring, computer proficient, exceptional communication skills and wanting an opportunity to truly improve people's lives 2-3 days per week. Fax cover letter and resume to (231) 946-6026.

## Grayling Recreation Authority Groomer Maintenance

The Grayling Recreation Authority is looking for an experienced Heavy Equipment Mechanic to perform Routine Maintenance Schedules on its Pisten Bully 200 Diesel Groomer. All interested Mechanics are asked to review the said Maintenance Schedules and provide bids on estimated Labor hours and cost to perform required tasks. All interested mechanics should inquire with the Grayling Recreation Authority at 989-348-9266 to review the required tasks of the maintenance schedules.

Bids should be received by Feb.13th.



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Direct Phone: 989-344-4402

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## 3. Employment

**SEXUAL ASSAULT ADVOCATE** River House Inc. is seeking candidates for a full time Sexual Assault Advocate position. The primary responsibility of the Sexual Assault Advocate is the support of adult and child victims of sexual violence. Knowledge of the dynamics of trauma and an understanding of domestic and sexual violence is helpful. Advocacy and group facilitation skills are needed for this position. BSW or BA in a human service field required. Shift is Monday - Friday days with some on-call responsibilities. If you are interested in this opportunity, please send your resume to human Resources, Mercy Hospital Grayling, 1100 E. Michigan Avenue, Grayling, MI 49738. E-mail: slewis@trinity-health.org. Fax: 989-348-0485. Phone: 989-348-0570. (-5/3)

**FAST GROWING** high tech chiropractic office is looking for high-energy, friendly and efficient front desk person. Must be computer literate. Please mail resume to AC, P.O. Box 401, Grayling, MI 49738. (-5/3)

## 4. Services Offered

**SEWING, ZIPPERS, QUILTER** Open 6 days a week. (989)348-9349. (-5-19/4)

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**D. HAWES / Driver's Training:** Northern Driving School will be offering classes year-round in Grayling and surrounding areas. The only local driving school in Crawford and Roscommon counties. Segment I \$275, Segment II \$40. 989-344-2470. (05/22/08tf/4)

**SNOW & ICE REMOVAL** Off roofs, snowplowing and entranceways cleared. 30 years experience. Call Jerry, 989-348-7046. (-22-29-5/4)

**JUST LIKE HOME DAY-CARE** Full and part time openings, close to town, many fun learning activities. Lots of TLC. Call Ashley, 344-0949. (-29-5/4)

## PUZZLE ANSWERS

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### SUDOKU

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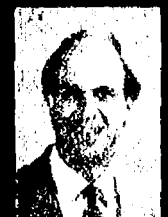
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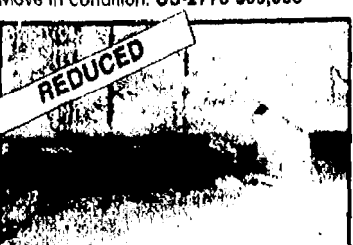
**RUSTIC LOG HOME NEAR LAKE MARGRETHE** Charming cottage offers 1,320 square feet with 2 bedrooms, 1 bath. Cathedral ceilings. Bath has Jacuzzi tub, log and knotty pine interior, hardwood floors in living room. Finished basement with beautiful stone fireplace. Enc. Porch. Move in condition. CS-2773 \$89,000



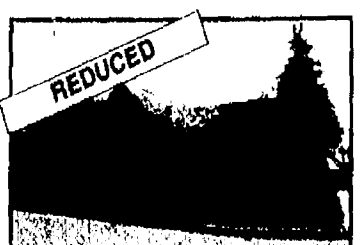
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**CLOSE YET VERY SECLUDED ON 8 1/2 ACRES** Freshly renovated interior, housing kitchen cabinets, counter tops, appliances, freshly painted great room, light fixtures. 1,290 s.f. home with three bedrooms and 2 baths plus 10x10 sunroom. Energy efficient programmable thermostat and natural gas hot water baseboard heating. Insulated garage with overhead storage. All appliances included. CH-2793 \$97,900



**101 FRONTAGE ON ALL SPORTS LAKE** Very affordable lakefront retreat! 100 feet of frontage on Outhrie Lake. Gorgeous all sport lake with sandy beach and gradual drop-off. 1,040 s.f. 4 bedroom and 2 bath home on full acre setting. Full walk out finished basement. Home offers vaulted ceiling in great room, brick fireplace, and pool table in family room. 22x24 garage, wrap around deck, dock, and black top drive. Price includes exterior paint job. Weekly exposure offering great sunset! CH-2857 \$219,900



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## 4 Services Offered

**HALL FOR RENT** 120 person capacity, full kitchen facility available. Beaver Creek Township. Call 989-275-8878. (-18-25-1-8-15-22-29-5-12-19-26-5-12-19-26-2-9-16/4)

**INCOME TAX SERVICE** Very reasonable rates and electronic filing at no extra charge. Always confidential. Call Marge, 989-821-5542. (LR4/9/09/4)

**REASONABLE RATES** Snowplowing, Karen Woods, Sherwood Forest and surrounding areas. Call for next season also, 390-3980 or 348-7398. (-29-5/4)

**SNOW REMOVAL** Roofs, decks, sidewalks, driveways and walkways. Free estimates. Call 989-390-0601 or 989-390-3895 and ask for Dave. (-29-5/4)

**CERTIFIED NURSES AIDE** Will care for your loved one in their home. 231-564-1379. (-29-5/4)

**HOUSEKEEPER/AIDE** Help with errands, meals and home organization from plants to pet care. 248-830-4827. (-29-5/4)

**BECKY'S TAX PREP** and e-file service. Ready to assist you with your tax filing needs. Reasonable rates. New client discount. Call 989-348-5348. (LR4/9/09)

## 5. For Sale

**CABIN LOGS** rough sawn lumber, kiln dried lumber, tongue & groove, log siding, custom sawing. T. Warren Sawmill. 989-619-0840. (LR03/26/09/5)

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## Schools

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**REACH 3.1 MILLION** Michigan readers with a 2 x 2 display ad for only \$999 - Contact Linda Golinick at the Avalanche at 989-348-6811 for more information.

## 5. For Sale

**APPLIANCE SERVICE** You will gladly tell your friends about. Call Paul, 348-0167. (-15-22-29-5/5)

**J. DAP STARTS** Wednesday lunch time specials this Wednesday. Every Wednesday in February, from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m., J. Dap will have a super bargain price on one item only! But you have to stop in to see what it is! J. Dap is located at 118 Michigan Avenue in Grayling. (-5-12-19/5)

**SHOP J. DAP CO.** Gift Store for Valentine's Day. New Woodwork and Yankee candles are in! You can always find affordable luxuries at J. Dap Co., 118 Michigan Avenue, in Grayling. (-5-12/5)

**HARD MAPLE** \$55 per cord and up delivered. Please call 989-390-2155 anytime. (-5-12-19/5)

**JOHNSON'S RANGE** 989-348-4614, Gun and ammo sale. 1911 45 ACP blue, \$400, new; 1911 45 ACP ss, \$400; Henry lever action 357, gold, rec, \$635, new; Bushmaster 223, 14", 16", 20" barrels, \$1,500, new; Bersa 380 ACP 15 rds., \$350, new; small 380 auto, 7 rds., blue and ss, \$135, new; Para-ordnance 12 rds., 40 Smith and Wesson, blue, \$600; 25-06 heavy barrel bolt action, \$635; 9 mm ammo, \$14 per box of 50; 380 ACP, \$15 per box of 50; 38 Spl. FMC, \$15 per box of 50; 38 Spl. RNL, \$14 per box of 50; 44 mag. RNC, \$18 per box of 50; 45 Colt FMC, \$18 per box of 50; 40 Smith and Wesson FMC, \$18 per box of 50. This is new ammo. (-5-12/5)

## 6. Wanted

**BUYING JUNK VEHICLES** Price varies with size but will pay the most. Call Don at 231-587-0856 or 888-468-7313. (10/11/07tf/6)

**BUYING SCRAP METAL** All grades. SMR 989-275-6041. (10/16/08tf/6)

## 8. Announcements

**HALL FOR RENT** American Legion Post 106, Grayling, with kitchen. Newly remodeled, smoke free. Contact manager 348-7232. (-8-22-5-19-5-19-2-16-30-14-28-11-25/8)

**MIP** and anger management programs. GRACE Center, Grayling. 989-348-2544. (10/11/07tf/8)

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**THANKS A LATTE** Coffee House, Friday, February 6, between 6 p.m. and 9 p.m., featuring Radel Rosin with Penny Podjasko followed by open mike. Suggested donation \$3 per person, \$8 per family. Thanks - A Latte, 212 Michigan Avenue, 348-4006. (-22-29-5/8)

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## 8. Announcements

**FRIENDS** Of the Crawford County Library are holding their annual Mid Winter Book Sale on February 4, 5, 6, 2009. On Tuesday, February 3, we are having a pre-sale to all Friends members. Not a member? Dues \$10. Come in and sign up that night. Pre-Sale from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Refreshments served. (-29-5/8)

**ATTENTION CLASSMATES** OF 1989 Reunion scheduled for July 18th at Hanson Hills. Family time during the day and evening for adults. Please contact Janet Petrosky at janetpclar@hotmail.com. (-29-5-12-19-26-5-12-19/8)

**ANNUAL NATIONAL** Wild Turkey Federation sanctioned banquet/auction, Saturday, February 14, 2009, at the Grayling Eagles Club. Social hours: 5:30 p.m. Dinner/program: 6:30 p.m. For more information, call Brian Brown at 989-275-1426. (-5-12/8)

**WANTED**  
Non-Profit 501(c)(3) Human Service Agencies interested in applying for funding through United Way of Crawford County. Allocation Packets are now available by calling **344-9300**  
United Way of Crawford County

## 8. Announcements

**PLANNING** To purchase a monument or grave marker? We have been advised that prices with our supplier will increase in March. Monuments and grave markers ordered by February will be at last year's price and most can be set in the cemetery before Memorial Day. Contact or visit Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home for more details or assistance with designing a monument or grave marker. Terry Lockwood, 348-2951. (-5/8)

**MOVING AUCTION** February 7, 10 a.m. Perry Creek & M-33, Mio. Furniture; kitchen; household; glass; pottery; Indian; art; paper; coins & more! View online or call. Lets Talk Auction! 989-848-5158  
www.LetsTalkAuction.com. (-5/8)

## 10. Garage Sale

**RUMMAGE SALE** Wednesday, February 11, at Senior Center, 308 Lawndale, 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Many unique items. (-5/10)

## 9. Personals



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**INDOOR SALE** Thursday, February 5, 7 a.m. - 7 p.m. 411 Michigan Avenue, Grayling, corner of Chestnut and Michigan - use side door from Chestnut street. Name brand teen/young adult clothing, Abercrombie, Hollister, etc. Trampoline, treadmill, exercise bicycle, furniture, glassware, Depression ware, home decor, pots and pans, authentic Japanese items, portable Oriental mini-bar, dolls, pictures and tools. (-5/10)

## 11. Automotive

**CAR DETAILING** Let JJ's Motor Mall make your vehicle sparkle inside & out! 348-7710. (5/31/07tf/11)

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**Happy 40th Birthday Daddy!!**  
We love you.  
Love, Jacob, Jocelyn, Allison and Mommy too.

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**Send Your Valentine A Special Greeting in the Crawford County Avalanche**

Deadline to be included in this special Valentine section is Monday, February 9th

**Sample Greeting**  
1 column x 2" = \$10

**Sample Greeting**  
2 column x 4" = \$40

**Sample Greeting**  
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